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THE EMPEROR ALTOUM	Tenor
TIMUR - the dethroned Tartar King	Bass
THE UNKHOWH PRINCE - CALAF - his son	Tenor
LIÙ - young slave girl	Soprano
PING - the grand Chancellor	Baritone
PANG - the general Purveyor	Tenor
PONG - the chief (ook	Tenor
A MANDARIN	Baritone
THE PRINCE OF PERSIA	
THE EXECUTIONER	

IMPERIAL GUARDS - THE EXECUTIONER'S ASSISTANTS

(HILDREN - PRIESTS - MANDARINS - DIGNITARIES

THE EIGHT WISE MEN - TURANDOT'S ATTENDANTS

SOLDIERS - STANDARD BEARERS - MUSICIANS

SHADES OF THE DEPARTED - THE (ROWD

The Action takes place

IN PEKING, CHINA - IN LEGENDARY TIMES



ACT I

The walls of the great Violet City: the City of the Celestial Empire. The stage is almost entirely enclosed by a semi-circle of massive bastions. On the right the curve is interrupted by a high covered portico sculptured all over with monsters, unicorns, phoenix, with pillars rising from the backs of huge tortoises.

At the foot of the portico, a heavy bronze gong is suspended from two arches.

On the bastions have been erected poles bearing the heads of the victims. On the left and in the background three gigantic gates open from the walls. The curtain rises on a glorious sunset. In the distance, bathed in golden light, Peking is seen.

The square is thronged with a picturesque Chinese crowd, motionless and listening to the words of a Mandarin. From the heights of the bastions, flanked by Tartar guards in black and red, he reads a tragic decree.

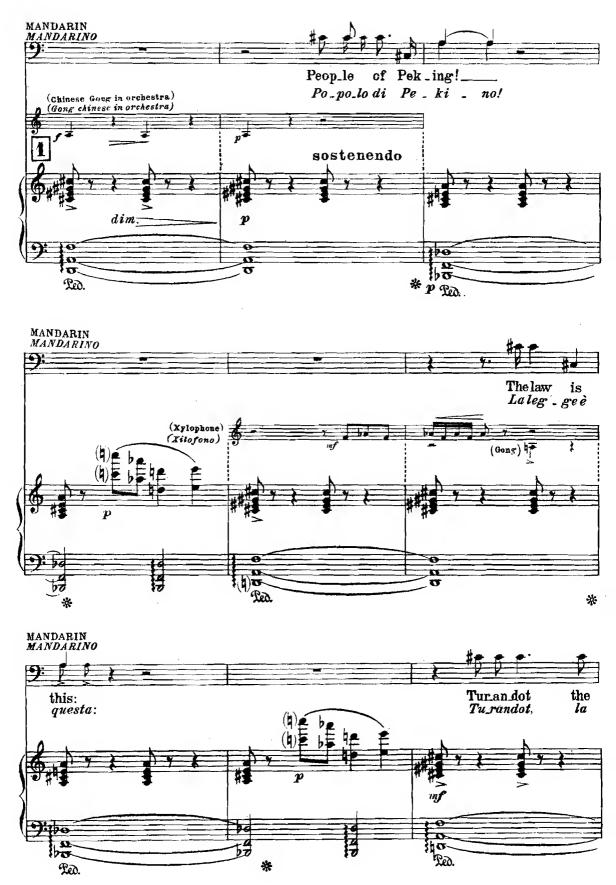


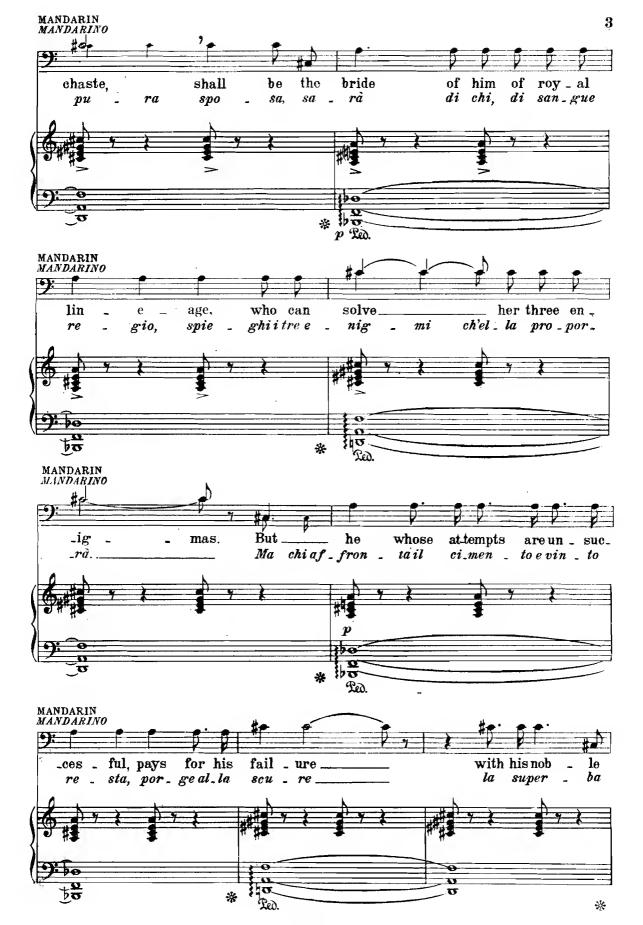


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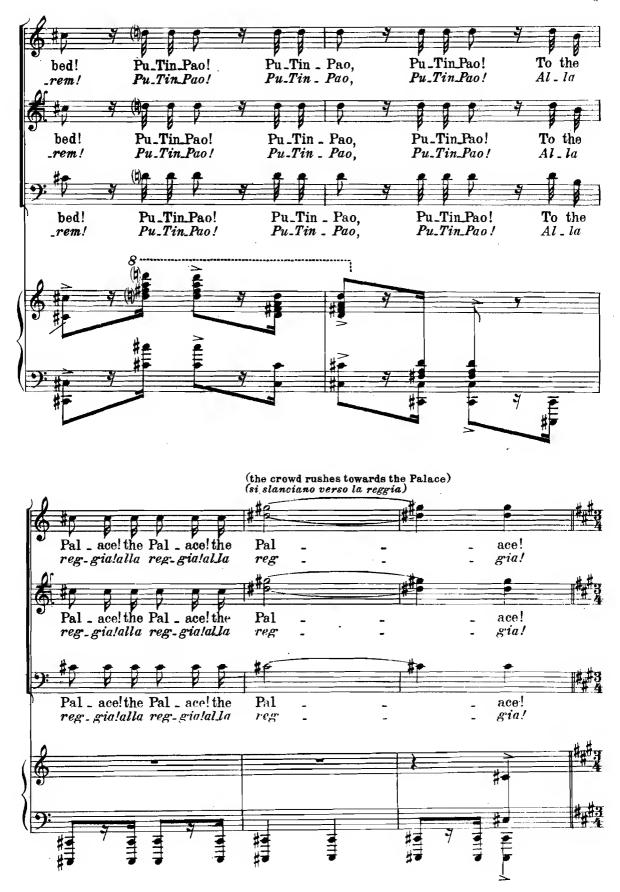


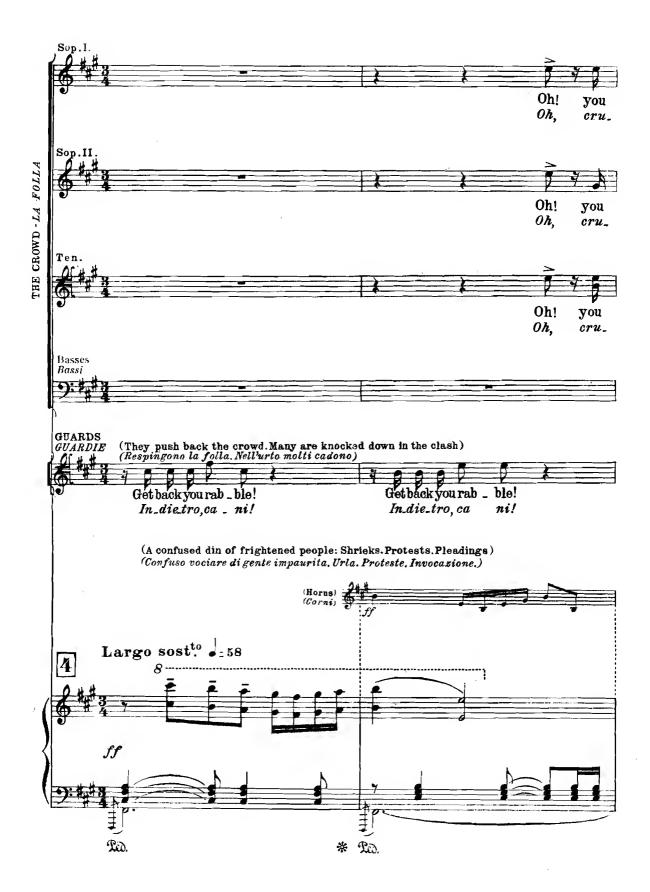












































































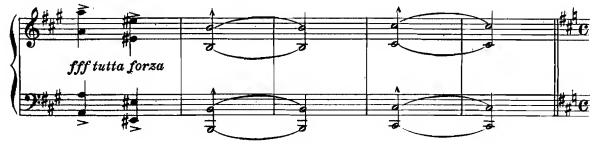






(While the assistants go off to carry the sharpened sword to the executioner, the crowd watch the sky, which has gradually darkened)

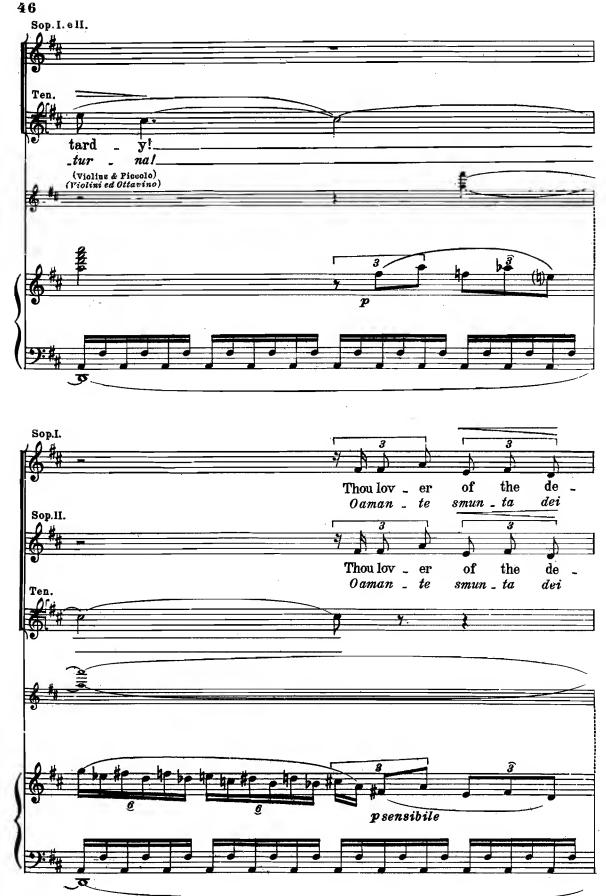
(Mentre i servi si allontanano per recare al carnefice la spada affilata, la folla scruta il cielo che a poco a poco si è oscurato.)

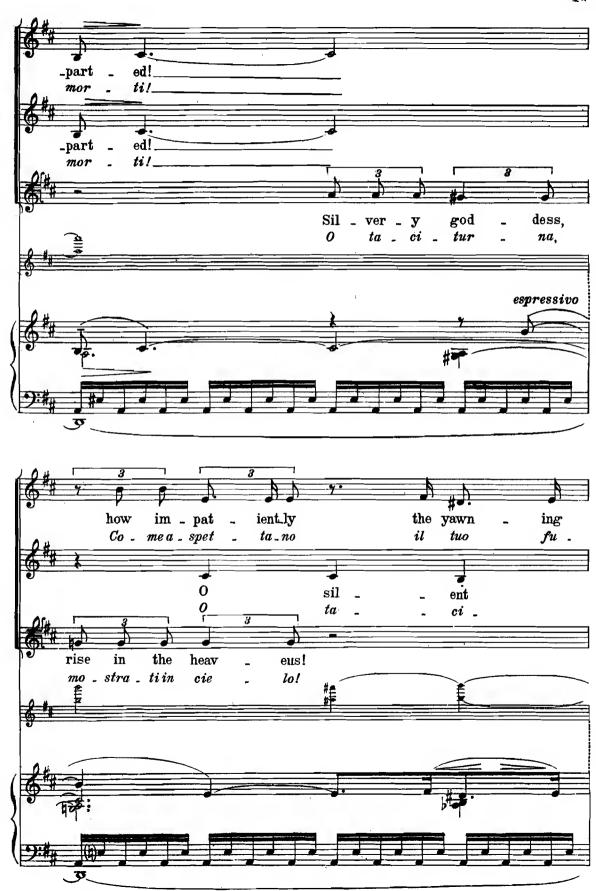


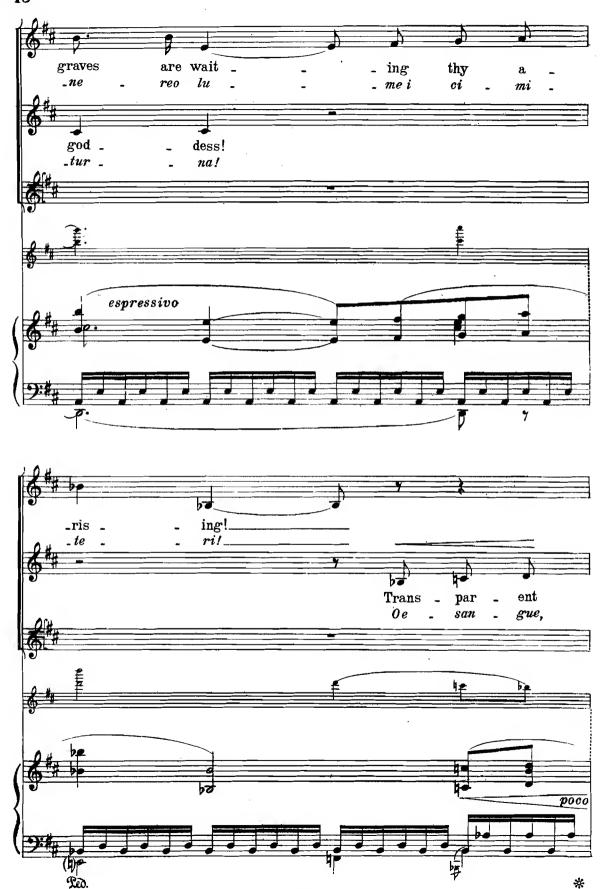








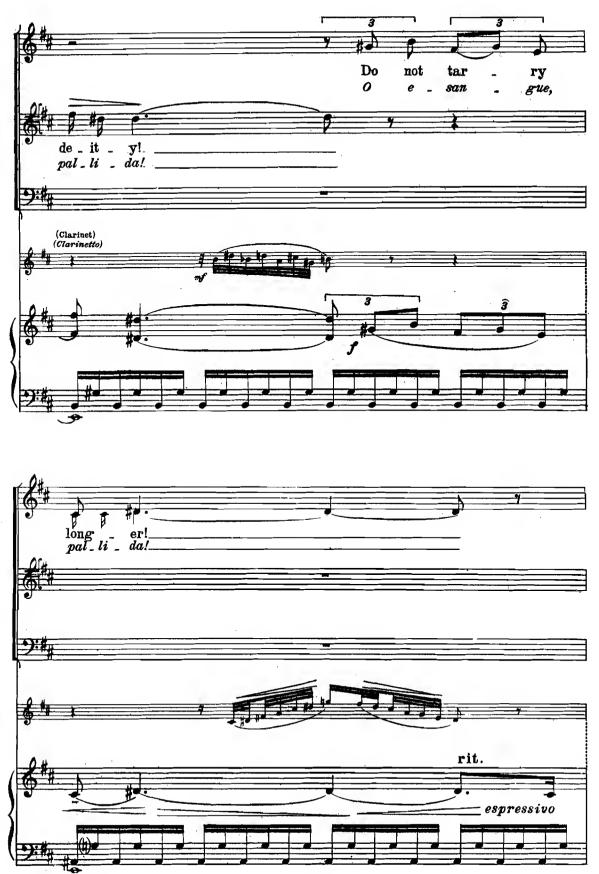








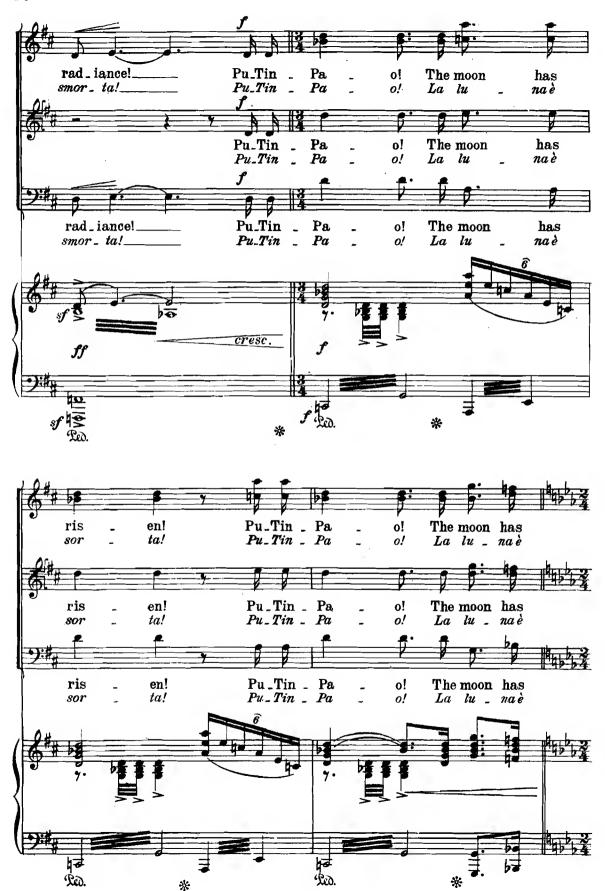


















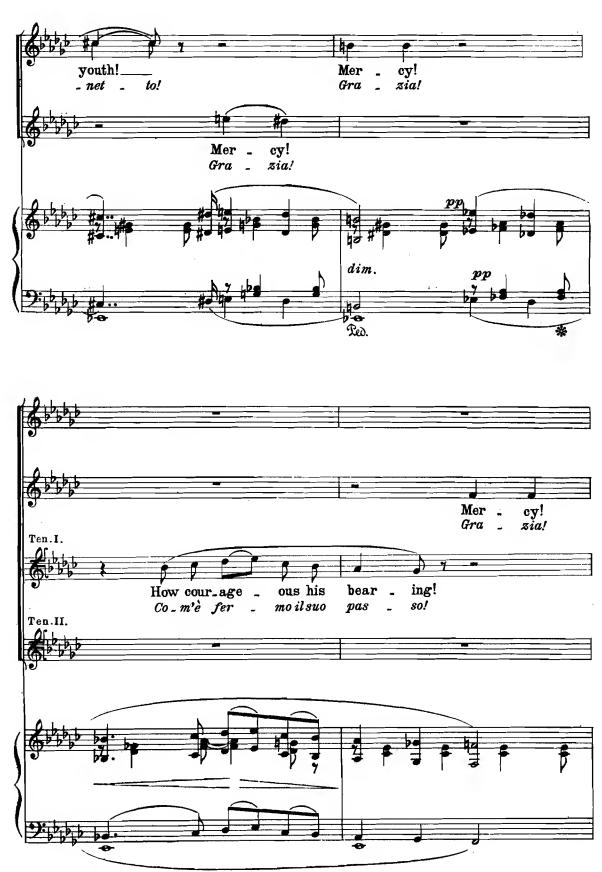






(At the sight of the victim advancing so pale and dreamy,the ferocity of the crowd is turned to pity)
(Allavista della vittima,che procede pallido e trasognato, la ferocia della folla si tramuta in pietà.)













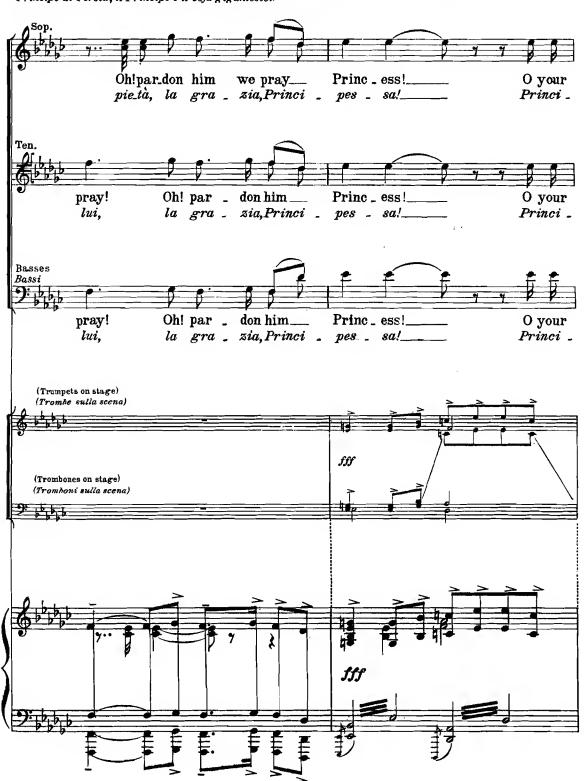




(The crowd has turned towards the portice, where Turandot is to appear) (il popolo, rivolto al loggiato dove apparirà Turandot)



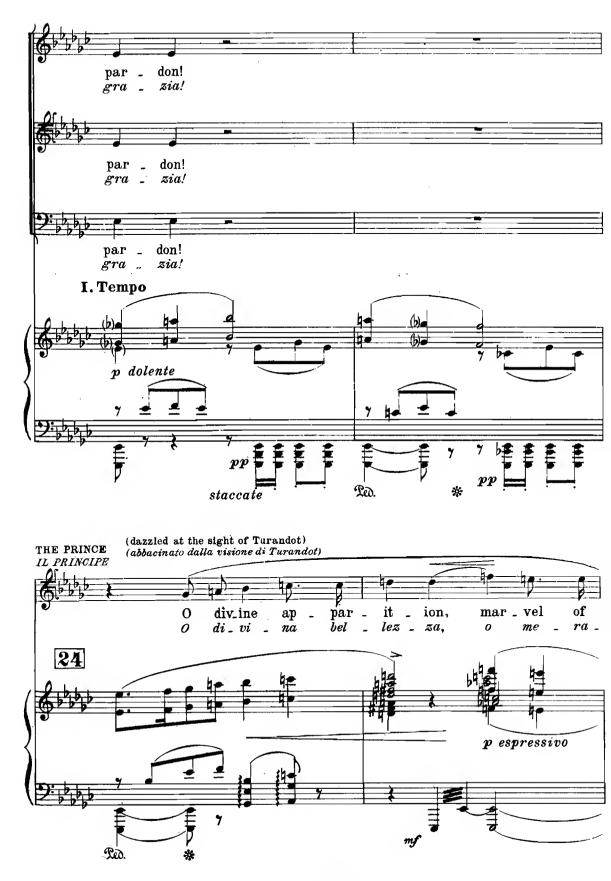
(Illuminated by the moon's rays and like a vision, Turandot appears. The crowd fall on their faces and only the young Prince of Persia, the huge executioner and the unknown Prince remain standing)
(Appare Turandot, come una visione. Un raggio di luna la investe. La folla si prostru. In piedi sono soltanto il Principe di Persia, il Principe e il boja gigantesco.)





(Turandot makes an imperious and derisive gesture. It is the death sentence. The procession moves on) (Turandot ha un gesto imperioso e definitivo. È la condanna. Il corteo si muove.)



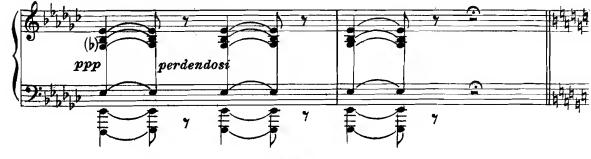


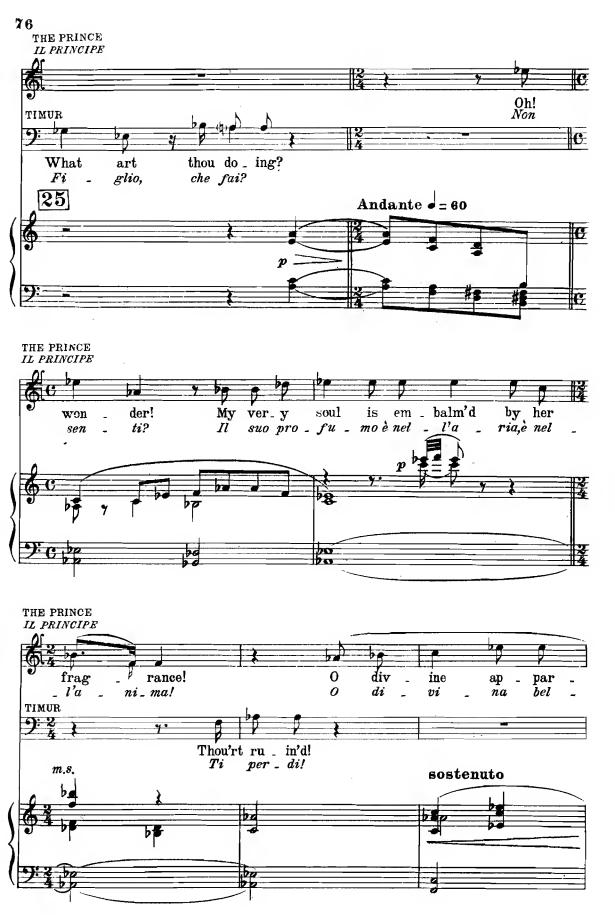




(In the dim light of the deserted square, only the Prince, Timur and Liu remain. The father approaches his son anxiously and tries to rouse him from his abstraction)

(Ora nella penombra del piazzale deserto restano soli il Principe, Timur e Liù. Il padre angosciosamente si av. vicina al figlio, lo richiama, lo scuote.)







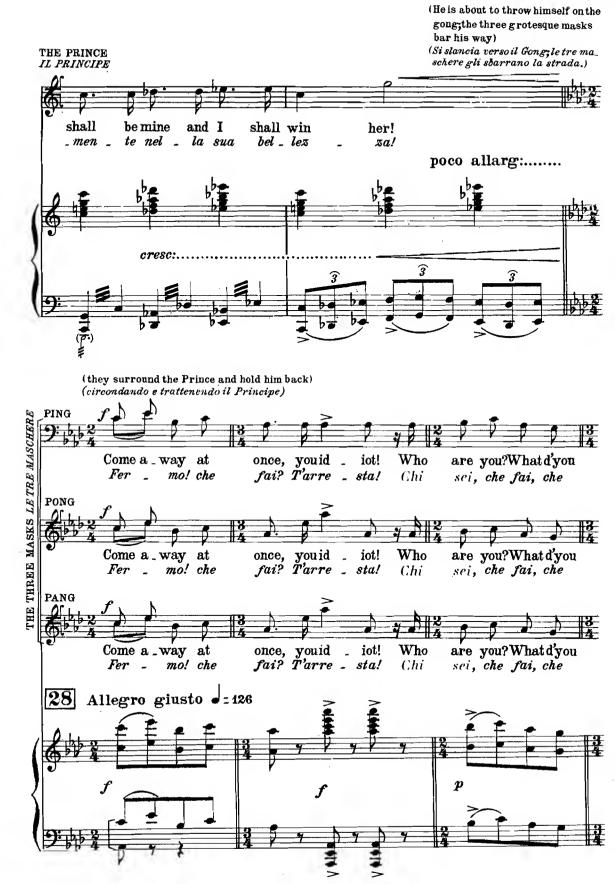


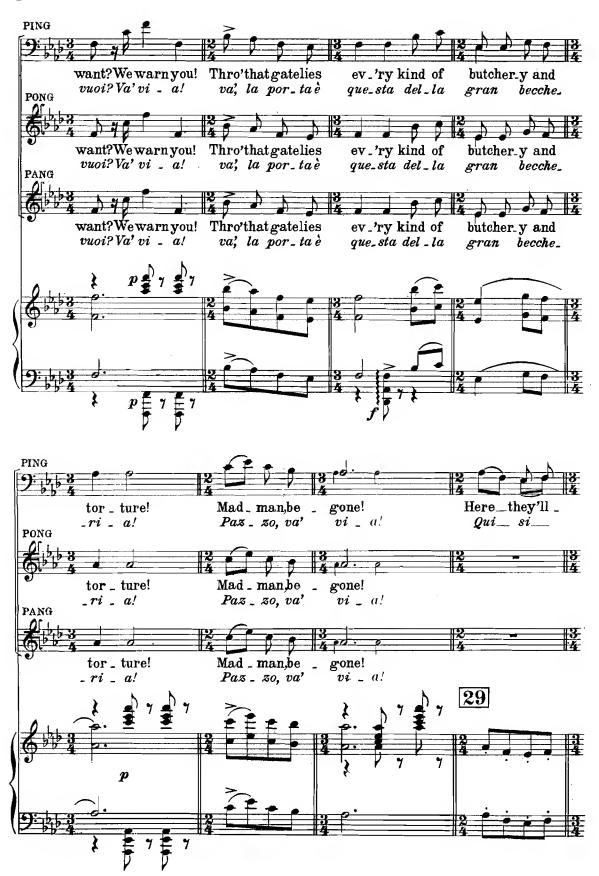














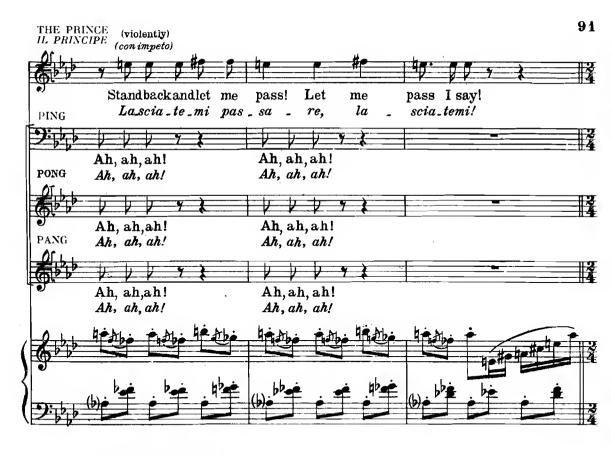


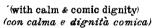
















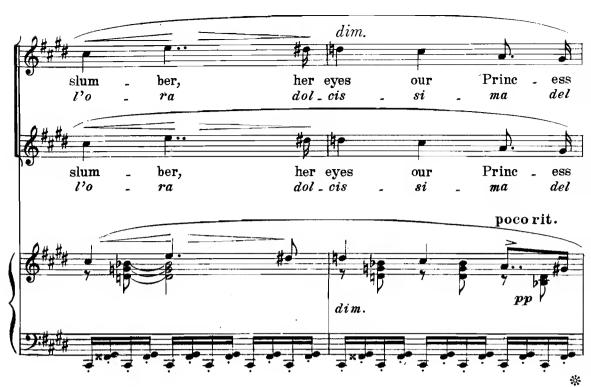


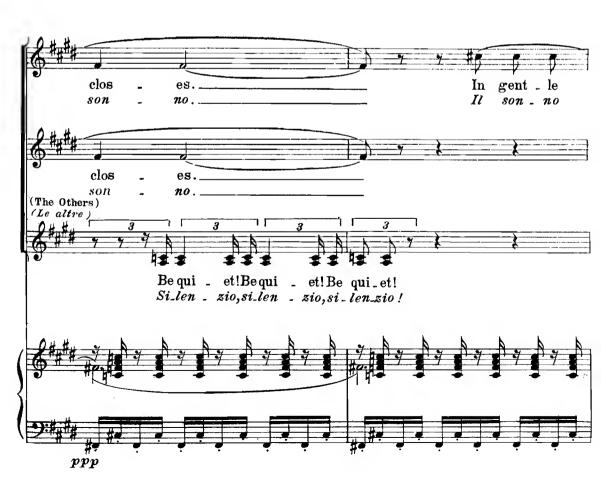








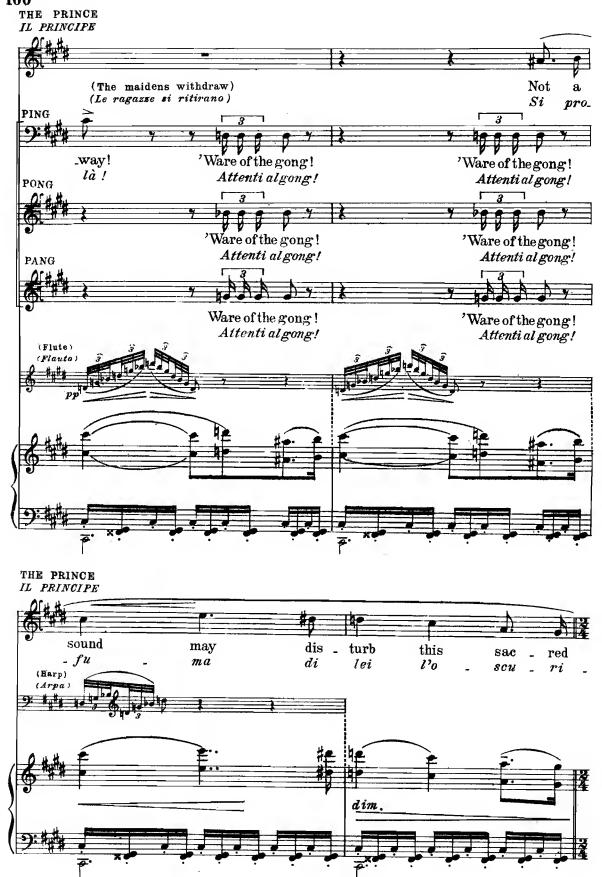






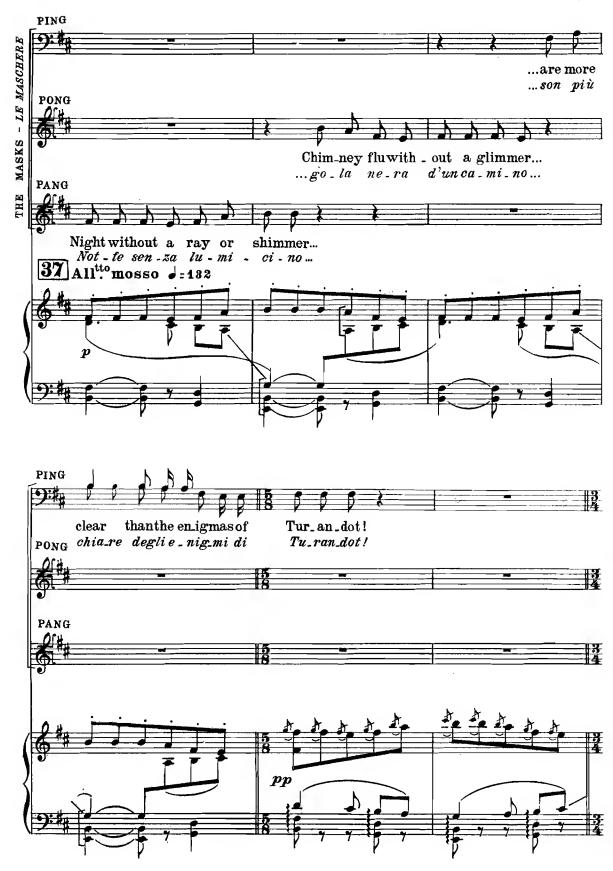














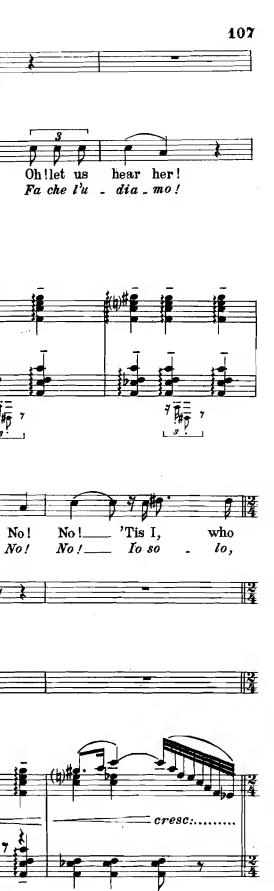


106 (The shadows of those who died for Turandot flit to and fro on the ramparts) (Sugli spalti appariscono e scompariscono le ombre dei morti per Turandot.) (Mysteriously, as though from far away, with drawling sound and hands curved round the mouth.) 4 Contraltos (misterioso, come da lontano, strascicando il suono, facendo tutti riparo colle mani a conchiglia sulla bocca) Contralti pΓ 3 CHORUS OFF STAGE long er! CORO INTERNO Non in du gia THE SHADOWS Tenors 4 Tenori 3 For if vou Se chiami, ap -Lento = 40 38 leggermente arpeggiato 7 due To. once more we'll see her for whom we ... quel _ la che e stin ticifa 80 call her, once more we'll see her for whom we - pa quel_la che e ti restin cifa 80

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Ta.



l'a_mo! Io love her! l'a - mo! 121329

see her!

par . li!

love her!

I

Oh!let us

Fa ch'ella

per -

gna.

per

gna _

(Piccolo) (Ottavino 4

THE PRINCE

IL PRINCIPE

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(strenuously resisting)

(con viva reazione)

I love her!

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Ιo

Io l'a_mo!

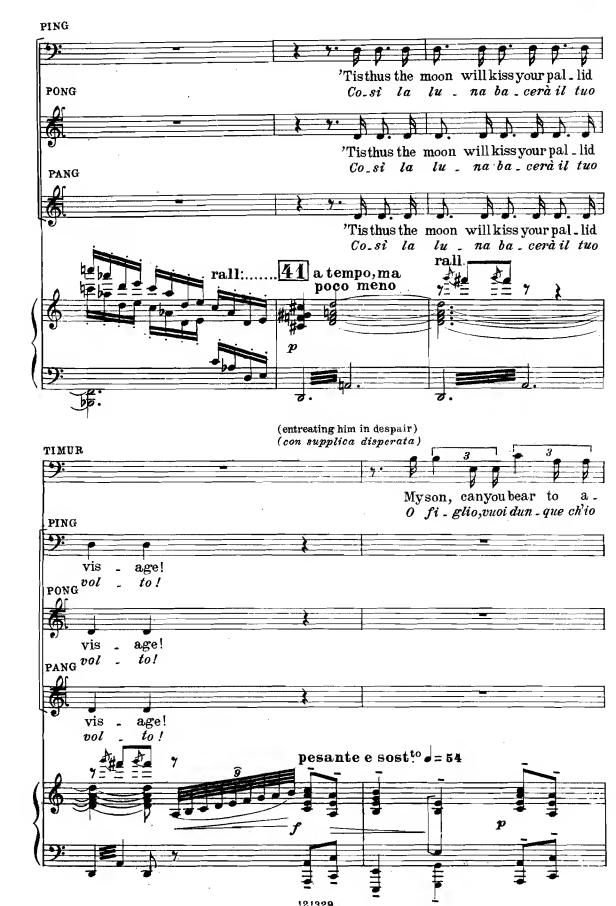


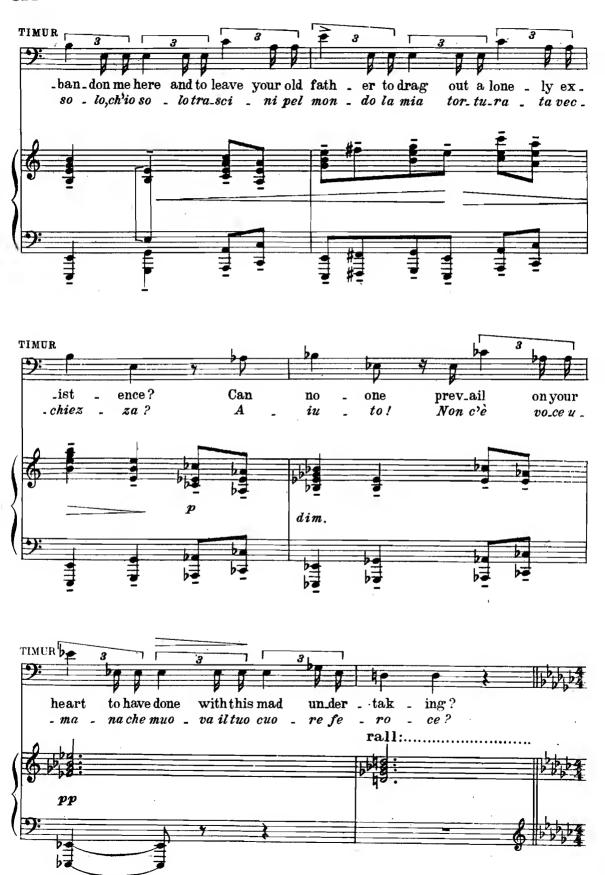




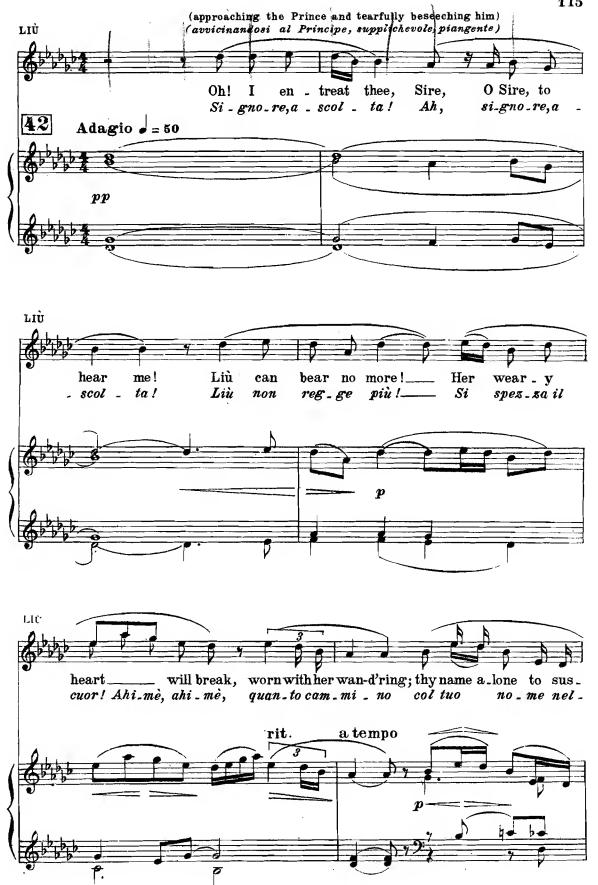






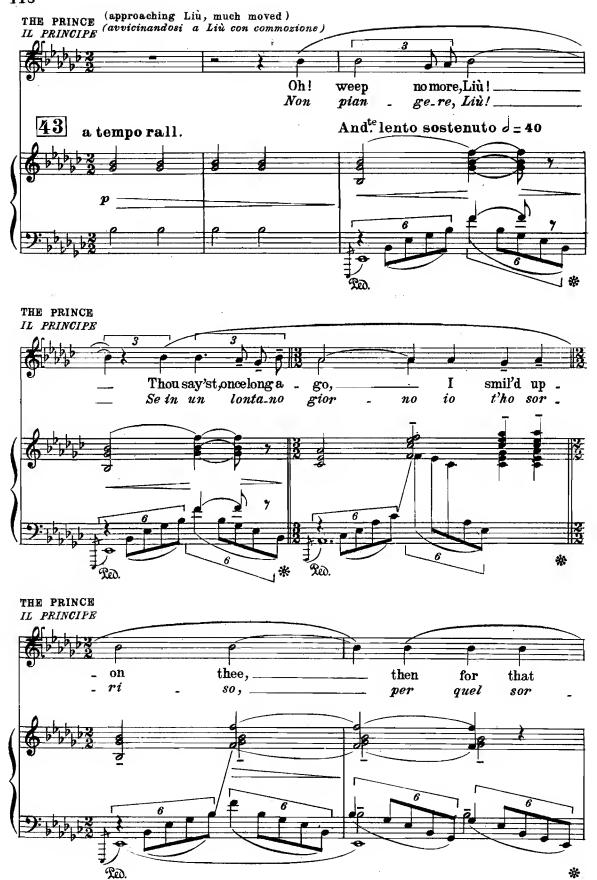








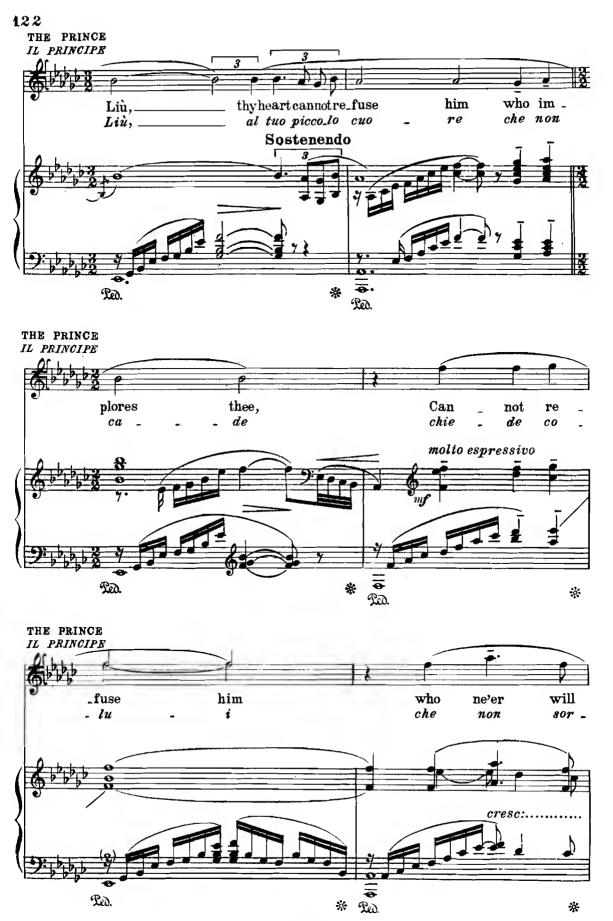


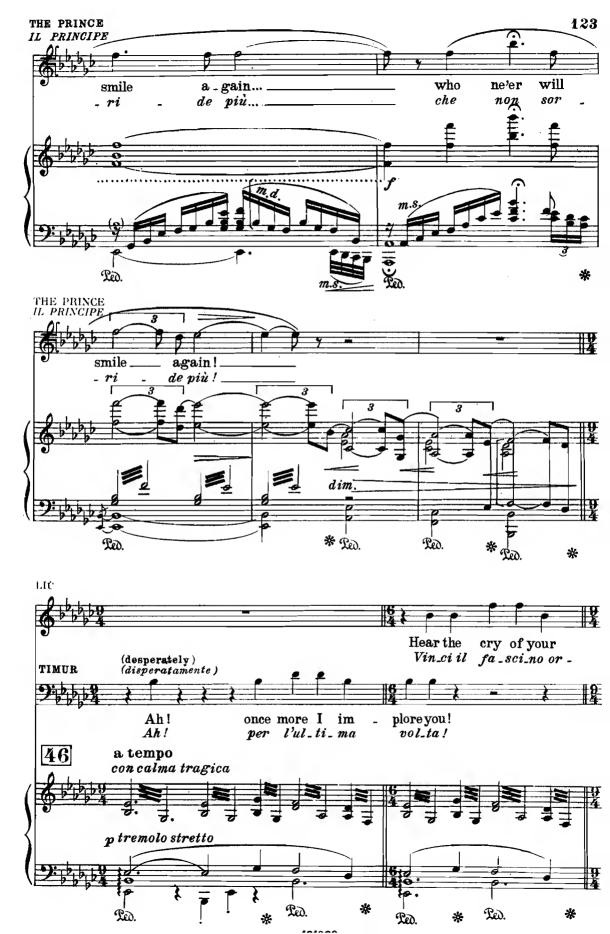










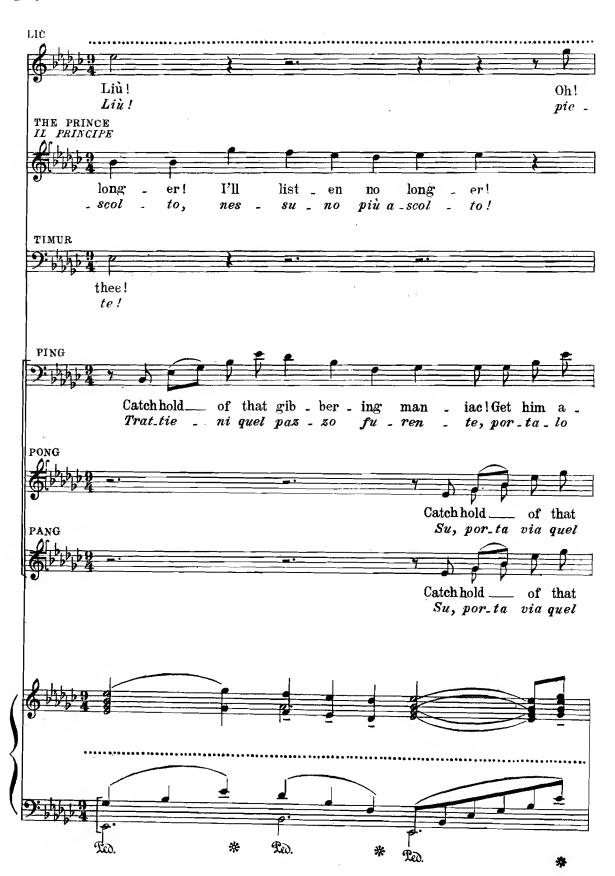








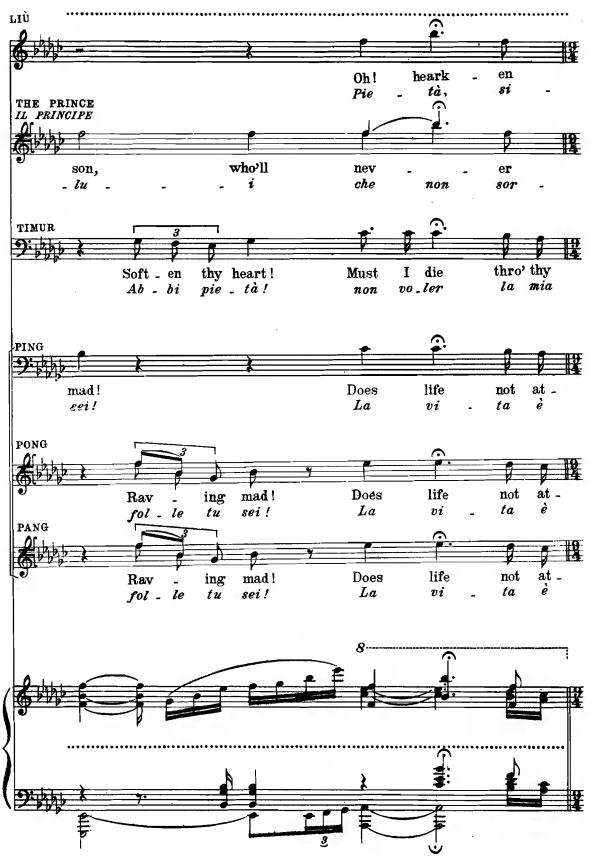


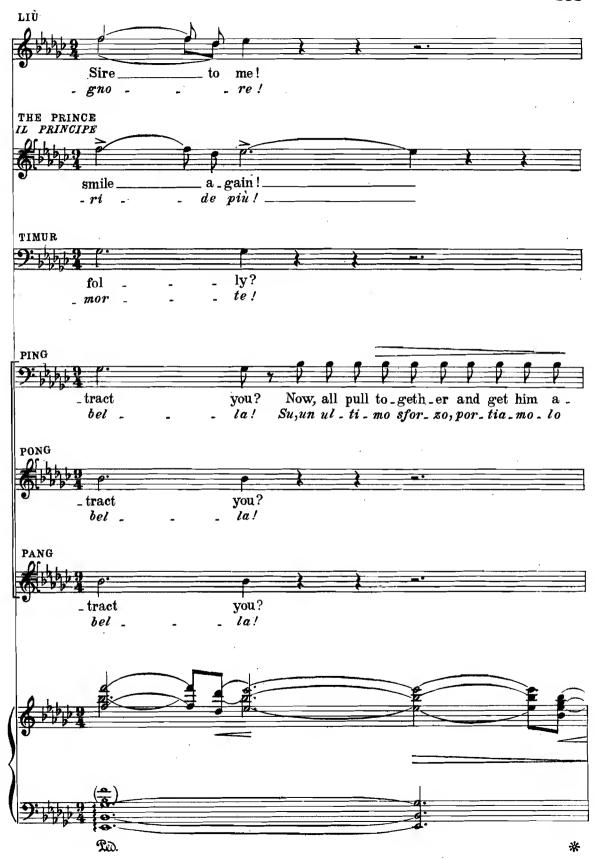


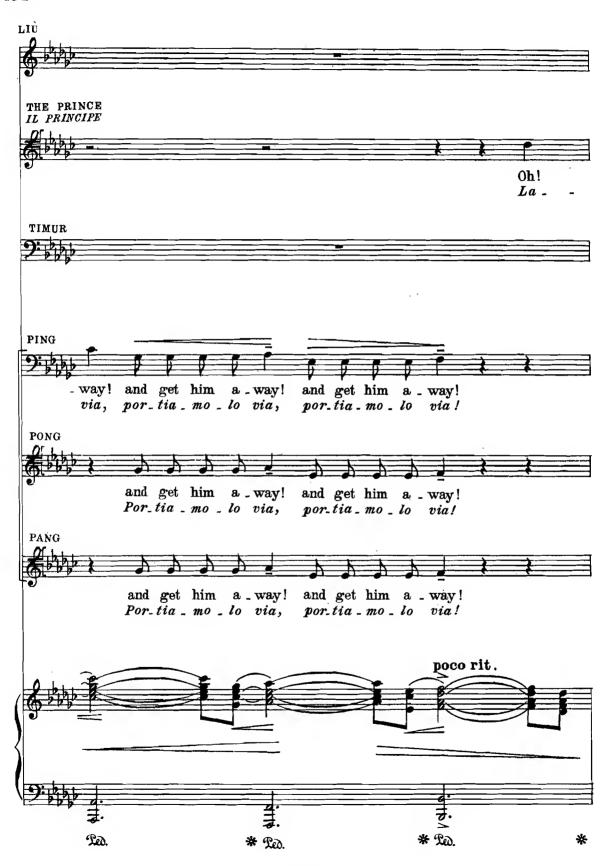


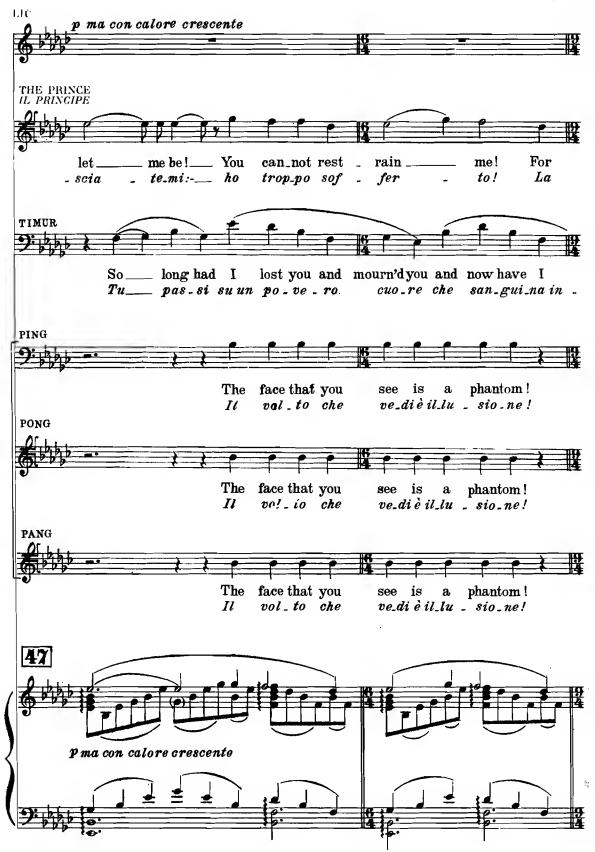


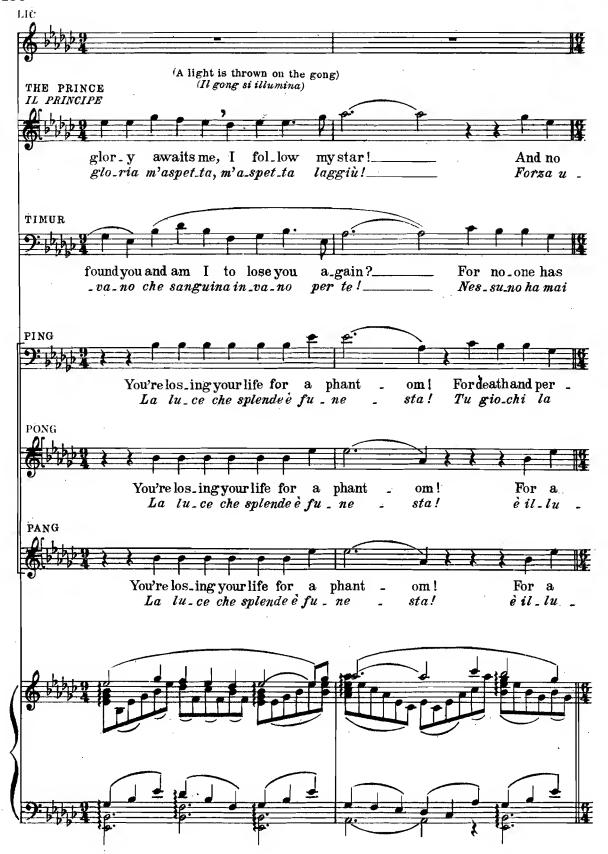


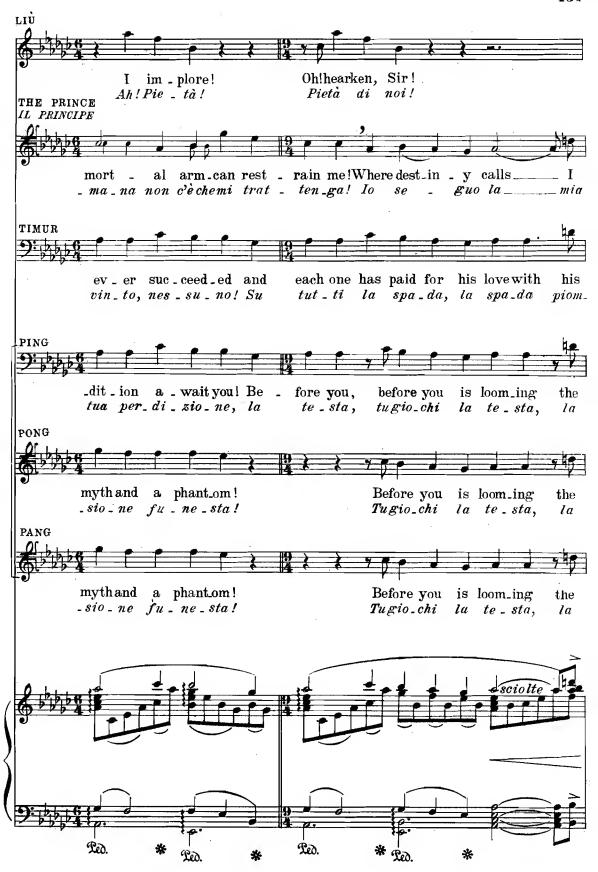














 (\star) This chorus and the Brass instruments are hidden back centre stage, behind a practical gauge painted like a veil.

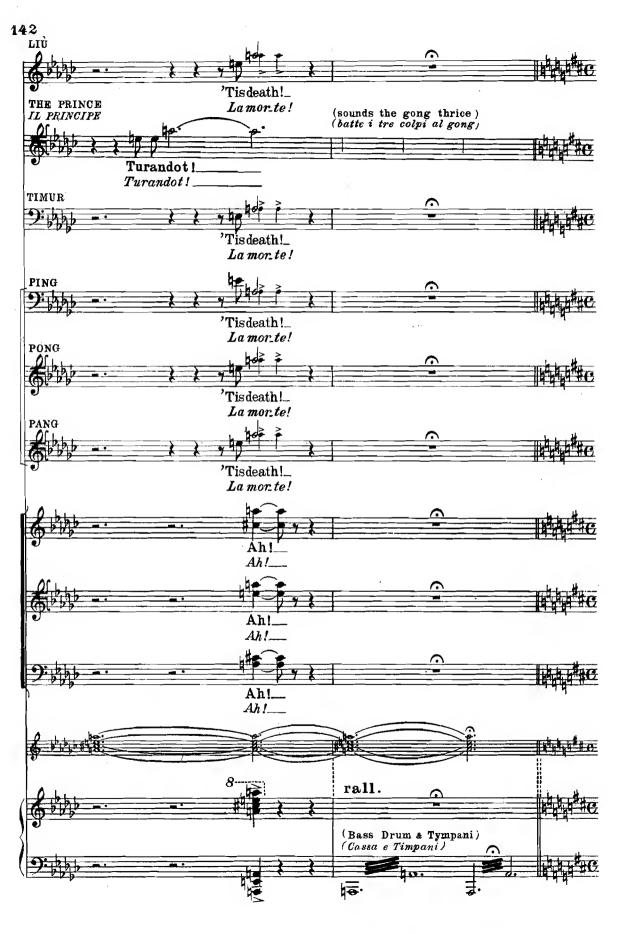
^(*) Questo coro, e gli ottoni devono essere nascosti in scena di facciata dietro ad un praticabile con velo dipinto.



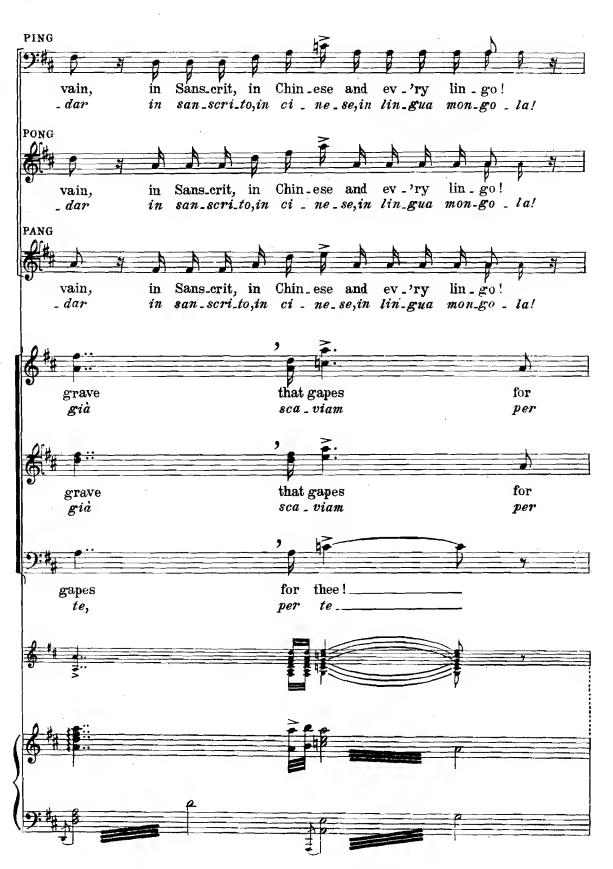






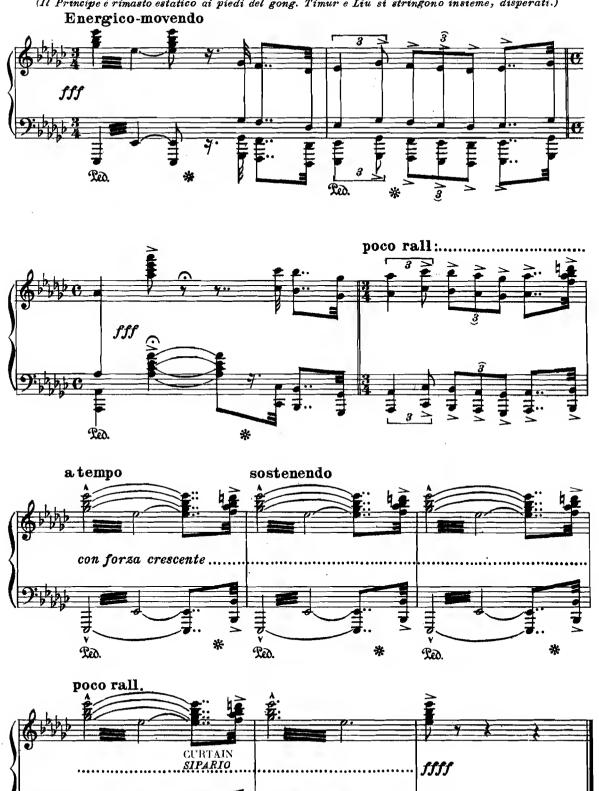








(The Prince has remained in ecstasy at the foot of the gong. Timur and Liù cling to each other in despair)
(Il Principe è rimasto estatico ai piedi del gong. Timur e Liù si stringono insieme, disperati.)



End of Act I. Fine dell'Atto I.



ACT II



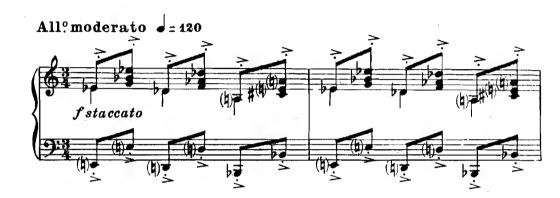
SCENE 1

A Pavilion, formed by a huge curtain curiously decorated with fantastic and symbolical Chinese figures. The scene is laid on the first floor and has three entrances: one in the centre and two at the sides.

Ping peeps through the middle opening: looks right and left and calls his companions. They enter, followed by three servants, one of whom carries a red lantern, one a green and one a yellow. These they repair symmetrically in the middle of the stage on a low table surrounded by three stools. The servants then withdraw to the back where they remain squatting.





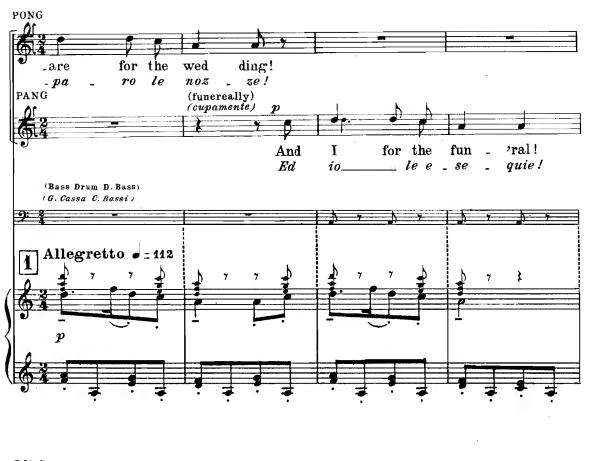


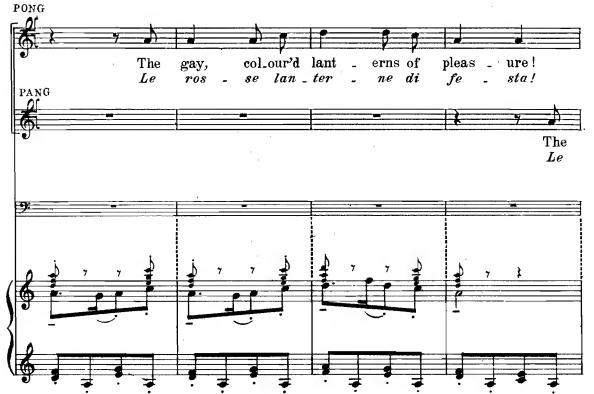










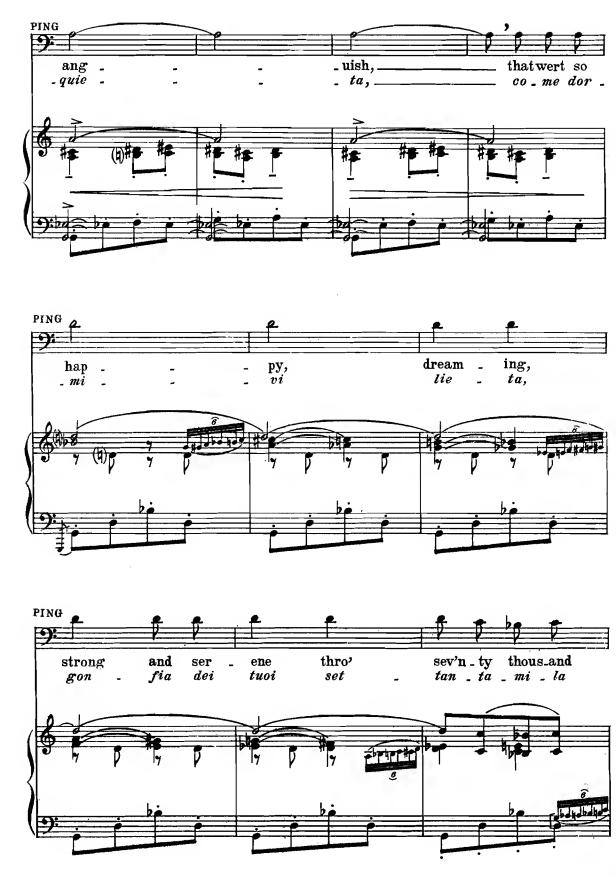




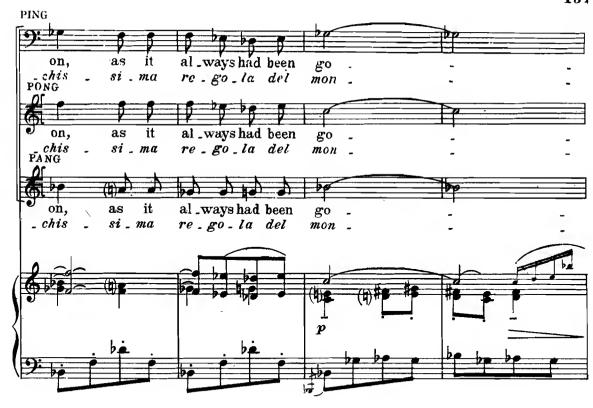


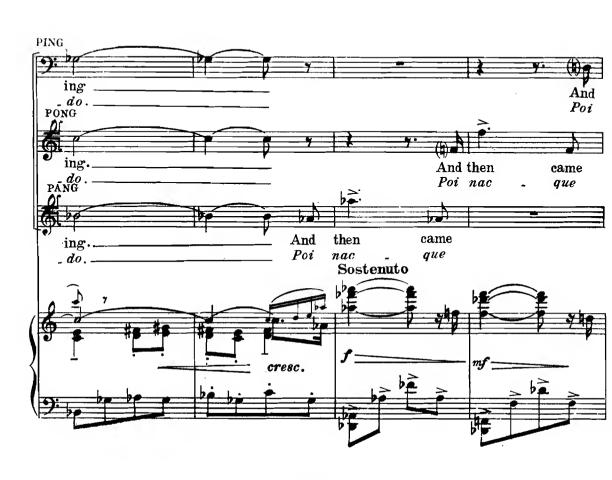












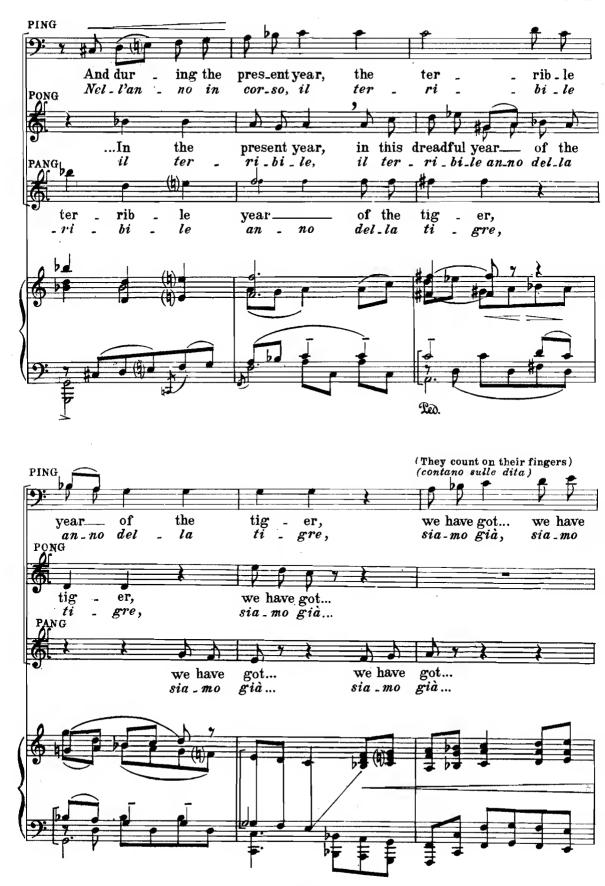




(They all three sit down next to the little table on which the servants have laid the scrolls and, as they enumerate, they search through the scrolls.)

(Siedono tutt'e tre presso il piccolo tavolo sul quale i servi hanno deposto dei rotoli. E di mano in mano che enumerano, sfogliano or l'uno or l'altro papiro.)

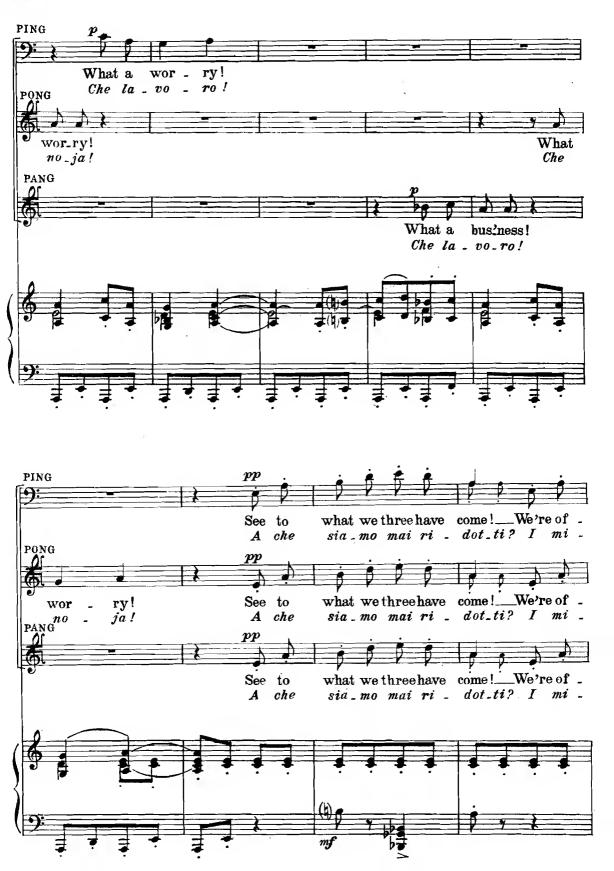








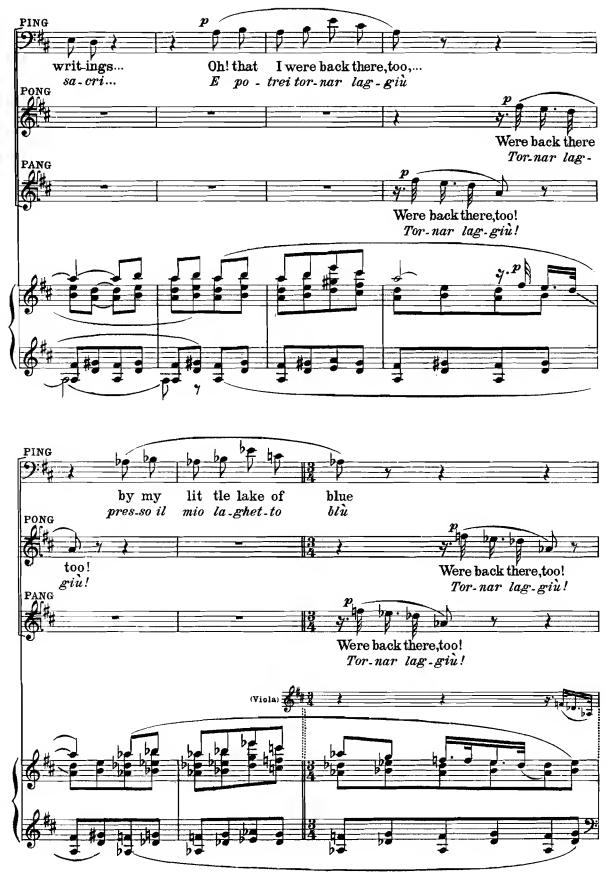












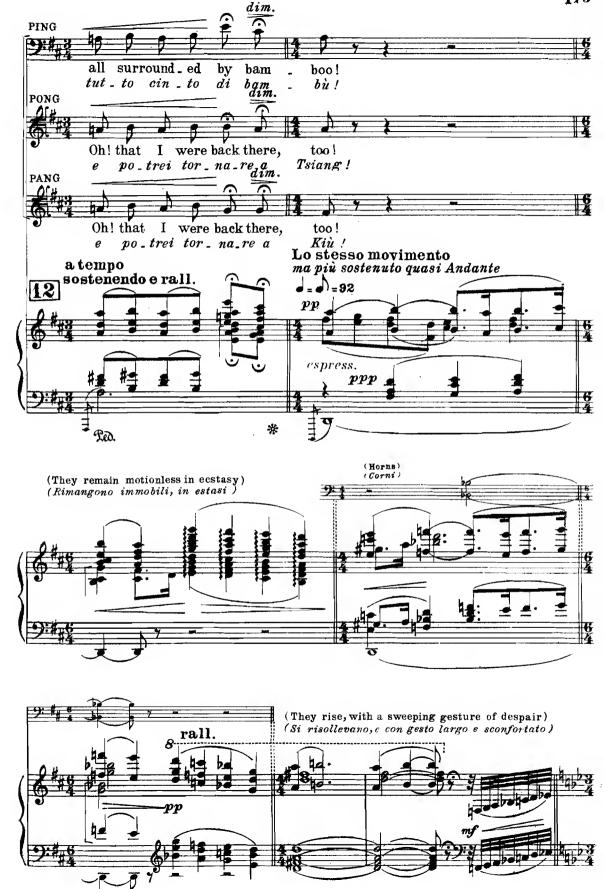




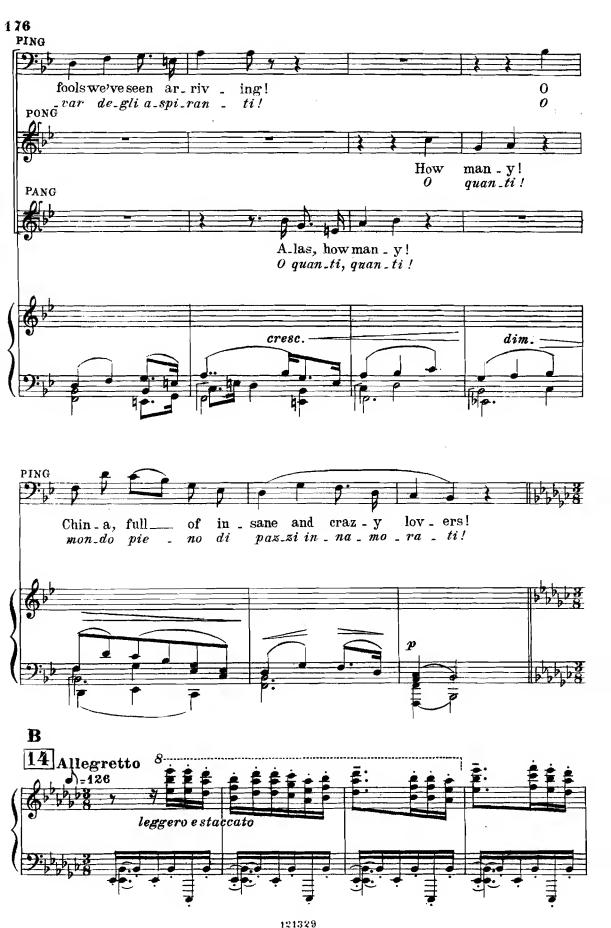








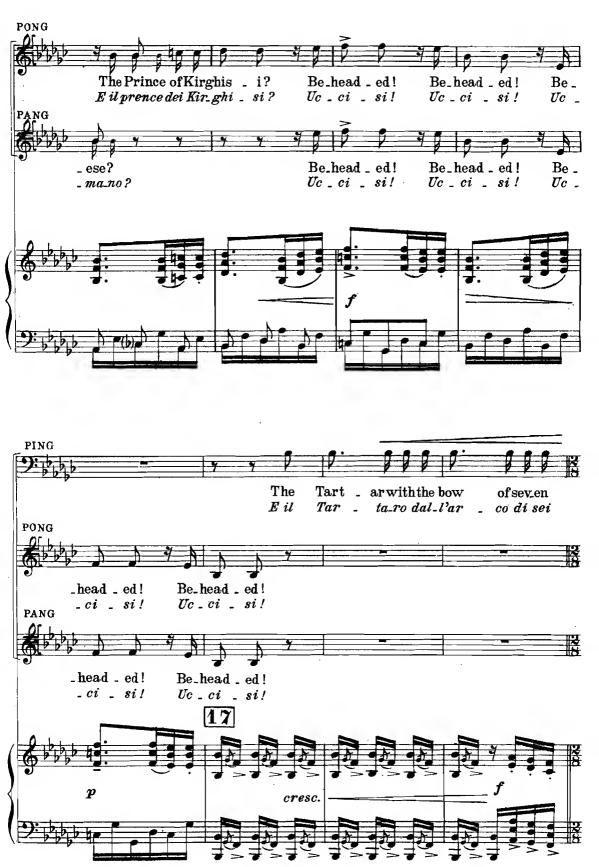






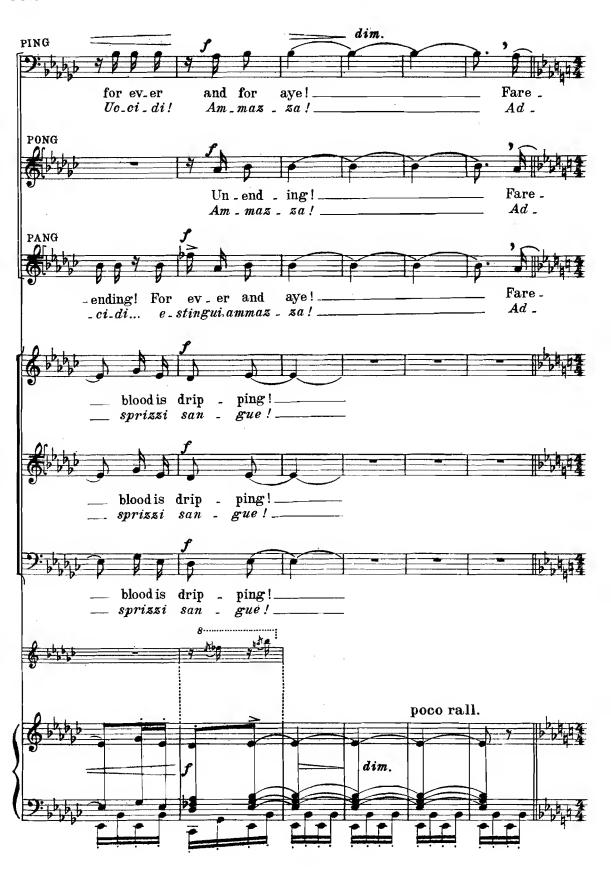


















188 (Ping remains standing, to make his invocation more effective.) (Ping rimane in piedi, quasi a dar più valore alla sua invocazione.) (Like an invocation) (Come un'invocazione) PING 0 tig er! tig er! gre! 0 titi gre! PONG PANG Molto calmo ppPING of the heavens! Do thou hasten on that 0 thou almight y king_ O gran_de ma_re_scial la del cie-lo! Fa che giunga la gran PONG of the heavens! 0 almight_y king thou O de ma_re_scial _ la del cie_lo! gran PANG Do thou hast en on that Fa che giunga la gran





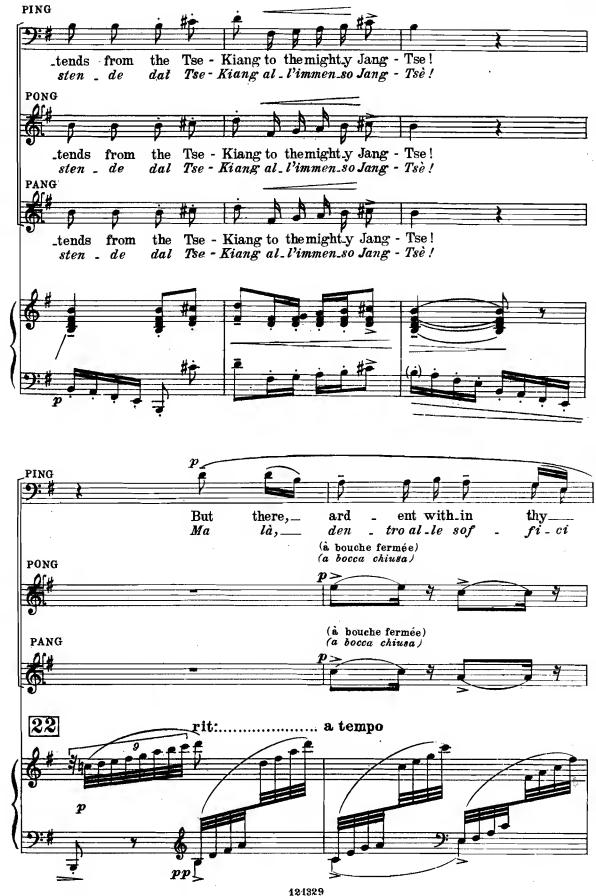


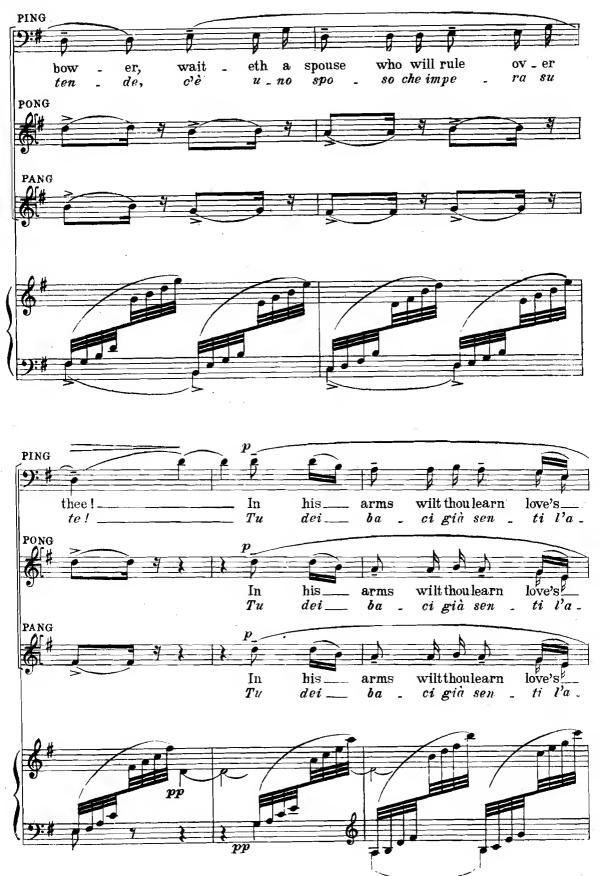


(Ping is standing on his stool, the other two are seated at his feet and turning towards an imag mary balcony.)





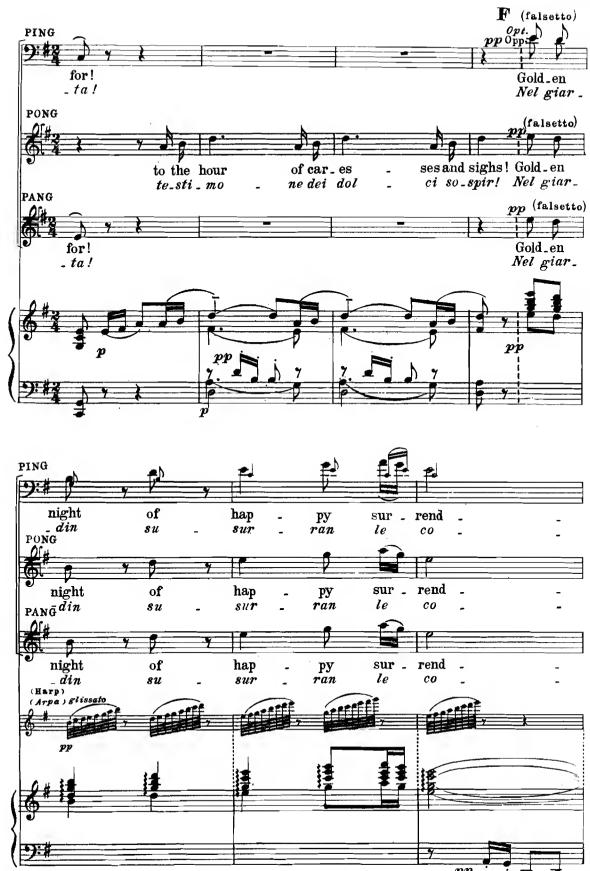


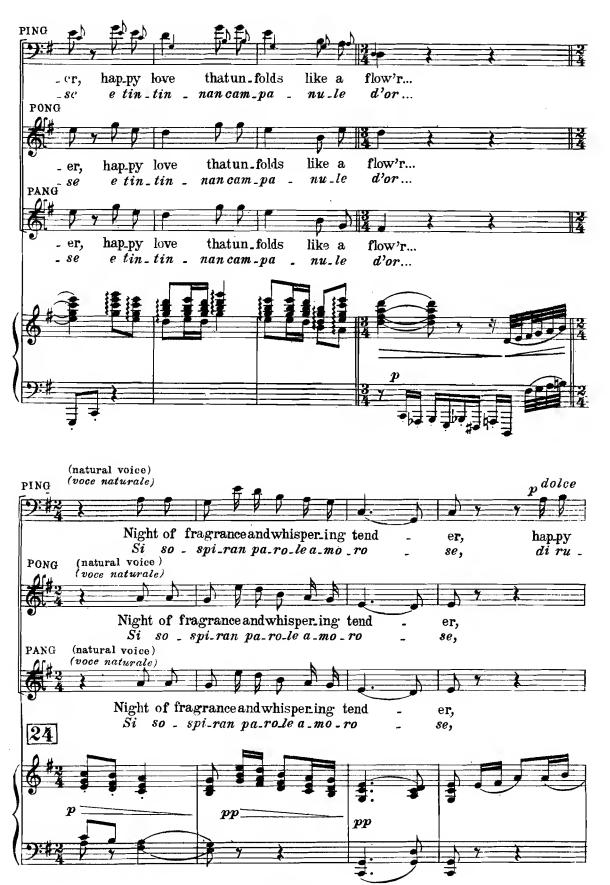




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(But from within, the growing clamour in the Palace, recalls the three masks to the sad reality. Ping, jumping down from his stool, exclaims:)

(Ma, dall'interno, il rumore della Reggia, che si risveglia, richiama le tre maschere alla tristere. altà. E allora Ping, balsando a terra, esclama:)









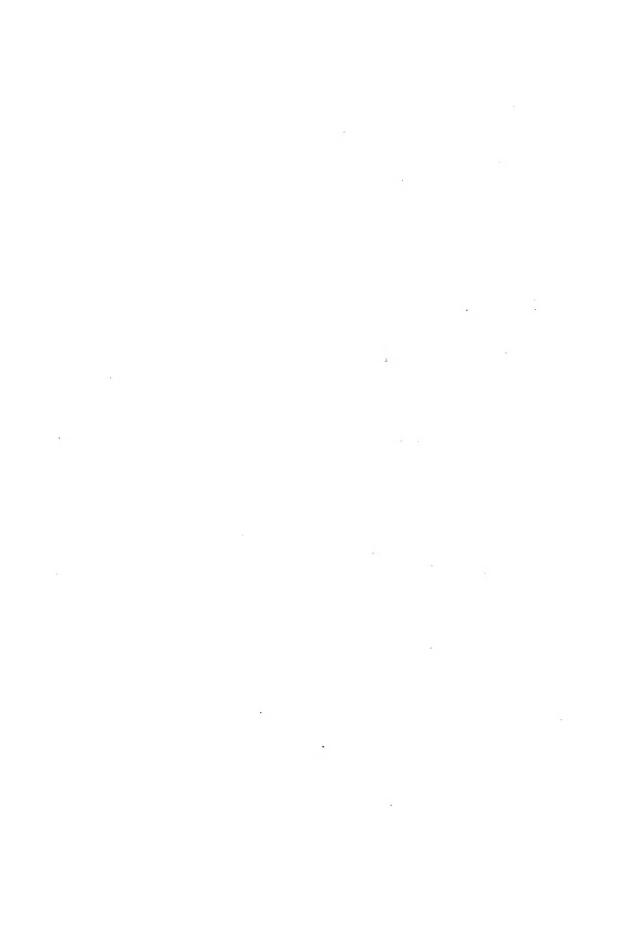




SCENE 2

The blg square in front of the Palace. In the centre is an enormous marble staircase, which ends at the top under a triple arch. The staircase has three big landings.

Humerous servants place variously coloured lanterns everywhere. The crowd gradually fills the square.







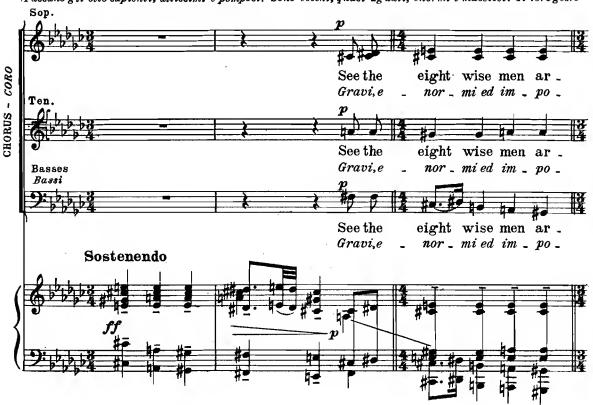








(The eight wise men pass, very tall and pompous. They are old, very much alike, huge and massive. They (Passano gli otto sapienti, altissimi e pomposi. Sono vecchi, quasi uguali, enormi e massicci. Il loro gesto



move slowly and simultaneously. Each one carries three sealed silken scrolls, which contain the answers è lentissimo e simultaneo. Hanno ciascuno tre rotoli di seta sigillati in mano. Sono i rotoli che contengono





213 (The three masks appear through the incense; they are now dressed in ceremonial coats of yellow.) (Le tre maschere si fanno largo tra gli incensi; indossano, ora, l'abito giallo di cerimonia.) \boldsymbol{p} Here is Ping! Ec_co Ping. Here is Pong! Ec_co Pong. Here is Pang! (Flute & Piccolo) (Flauto e Ottavino) Ec.co Pang. I. Tempo (The white & yellow standards of the Emperor pass through the clouds of incense.) (Passano gli stendardi bianchi e gialli dell'Imperatore tra le nuvole degli aromi.) (Wood Wind) (Legni) (Wooden drum) (Tamburo di legno) cresc. a poco:

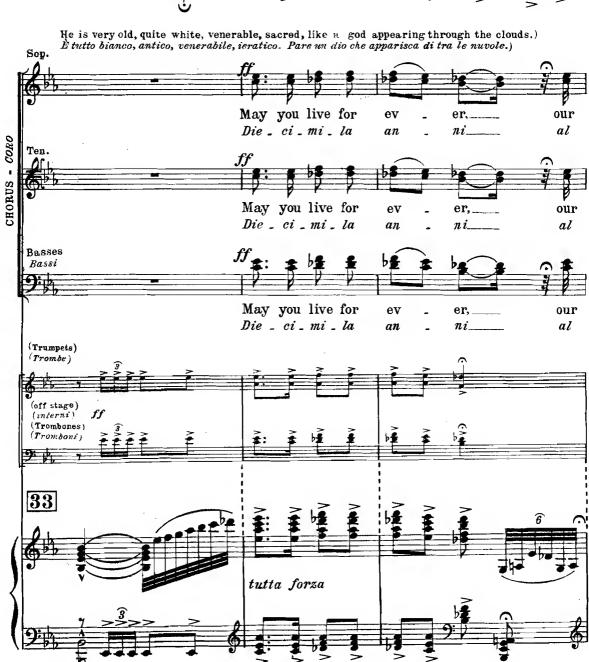






(At the head of the staircase, seated on a big ivory throne, is the Emperor Altoum. (Sulla sommità della scala, seduto sull'ampio trono d'avorio, apparisce l'Imperatore Altoum.







trate in an attitude of deep respect. The square is bathed in a rosy light. The Prince stands at the foot of faccia a terra, in attitudine di grande rispetto. Il piassale è avvolto in una viva luce rossa. Il Principe è ai

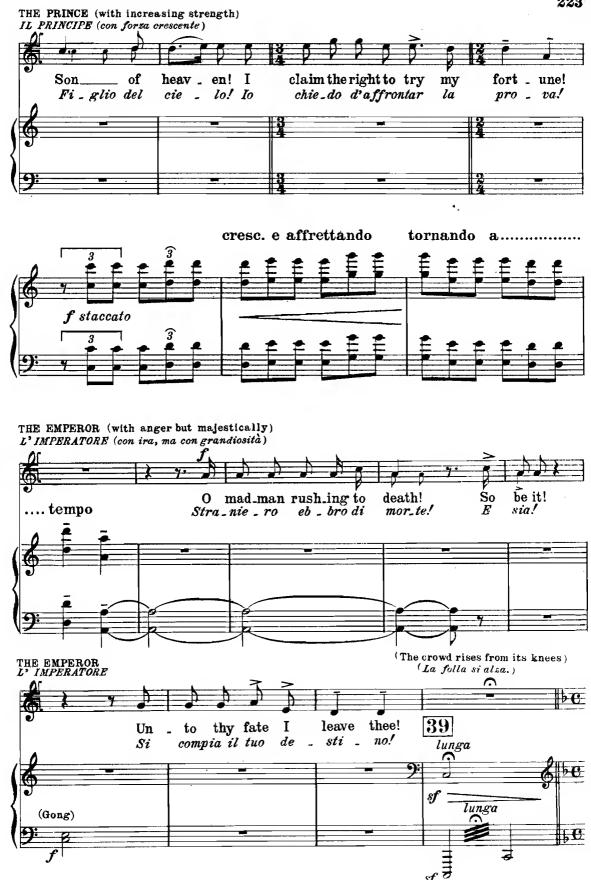












224 (A gay procession of women scatters flowers on the big staircase.) (Un chiaro corteo di donne sparge fiori sulla grande scala.) Largo d= 56 Sop. pp Hund_red thousand more years. il _ lustrious Emp_'ror! to our Die _ ci_mi_la alnostro Impe_ra _ to anni. CHORUS - CORO pp



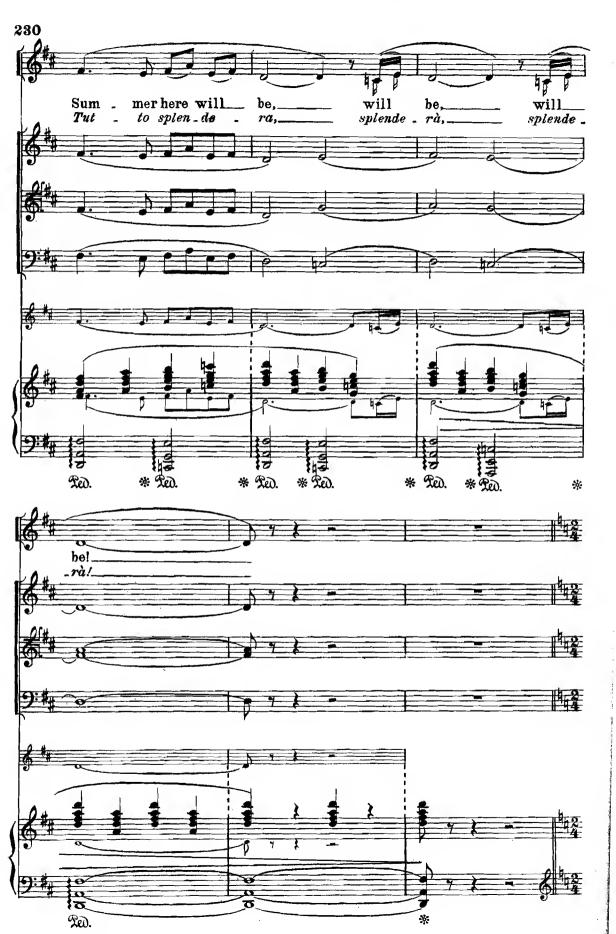










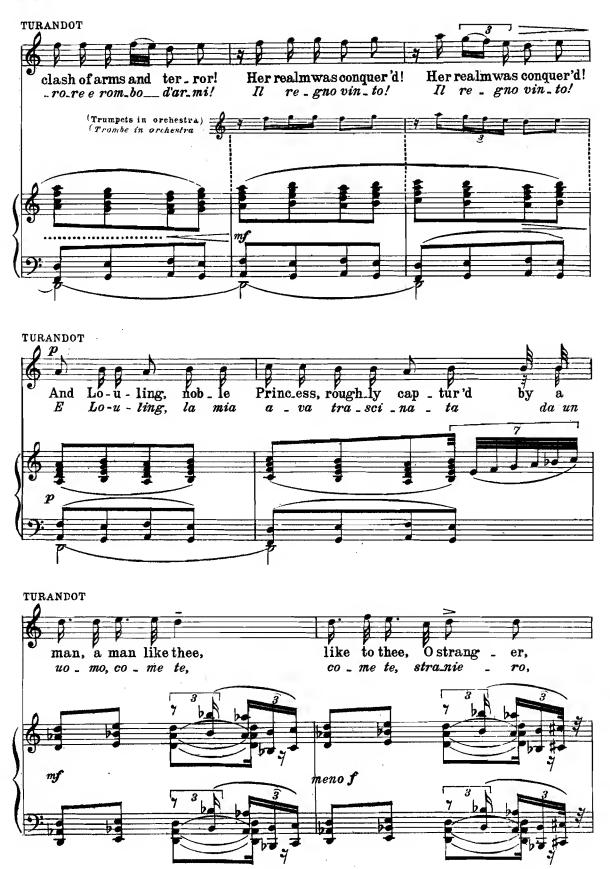


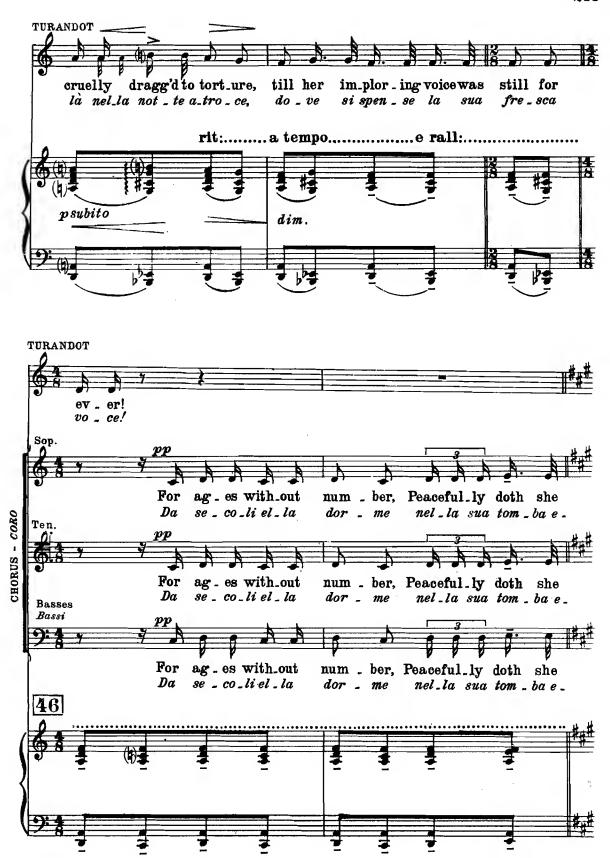
(takes up her place at the foot of the throne. Beautiful, impassive as a golden image, she gives the Prince a cold glance and says, solemnly)





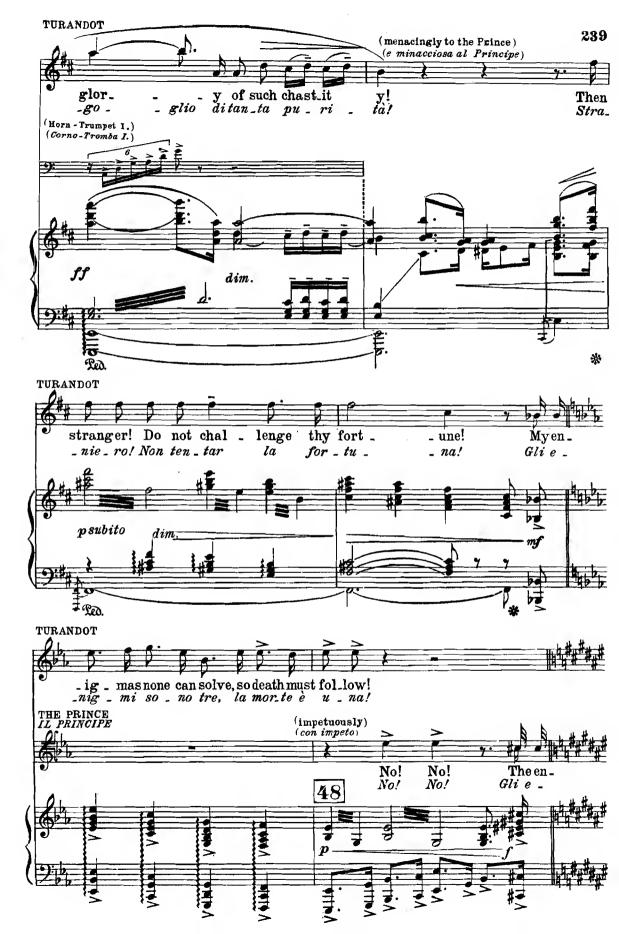














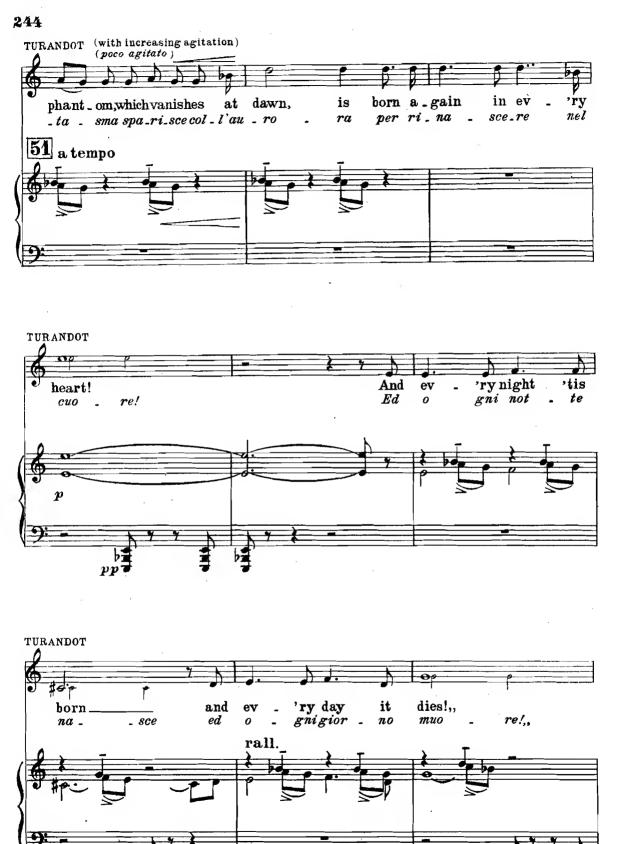


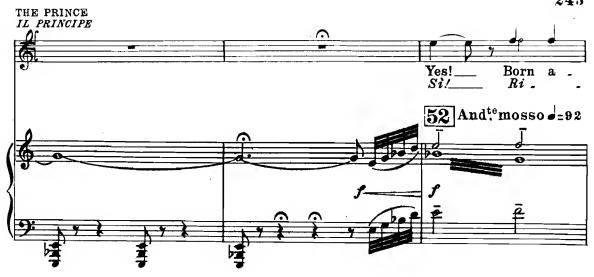












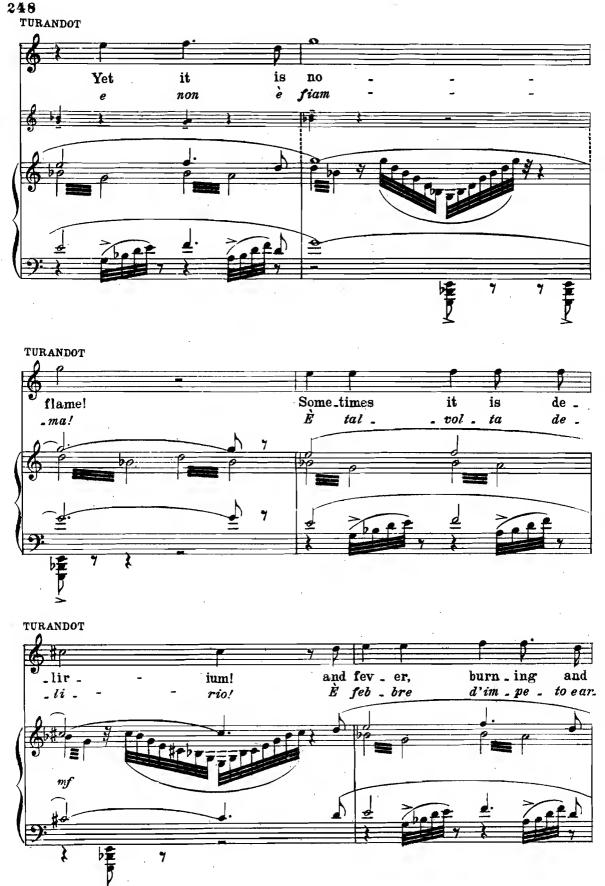


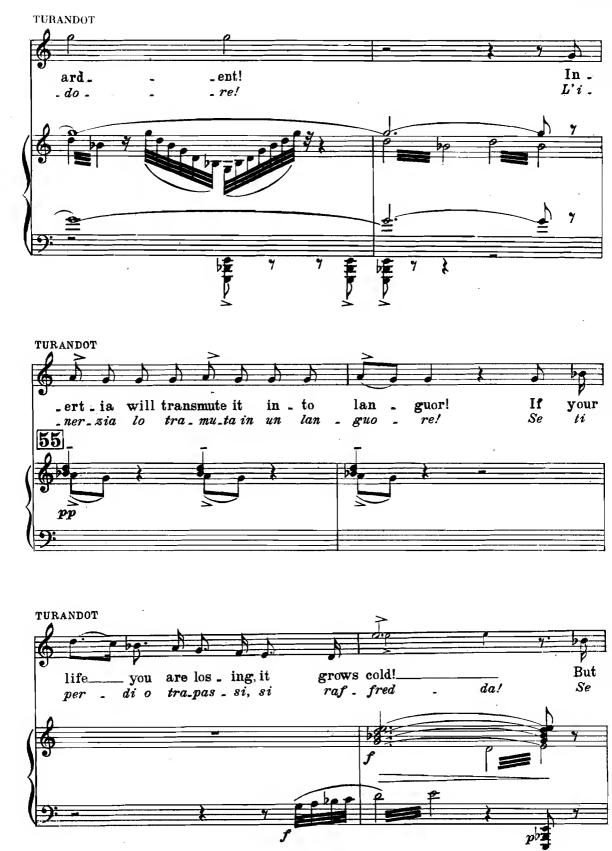








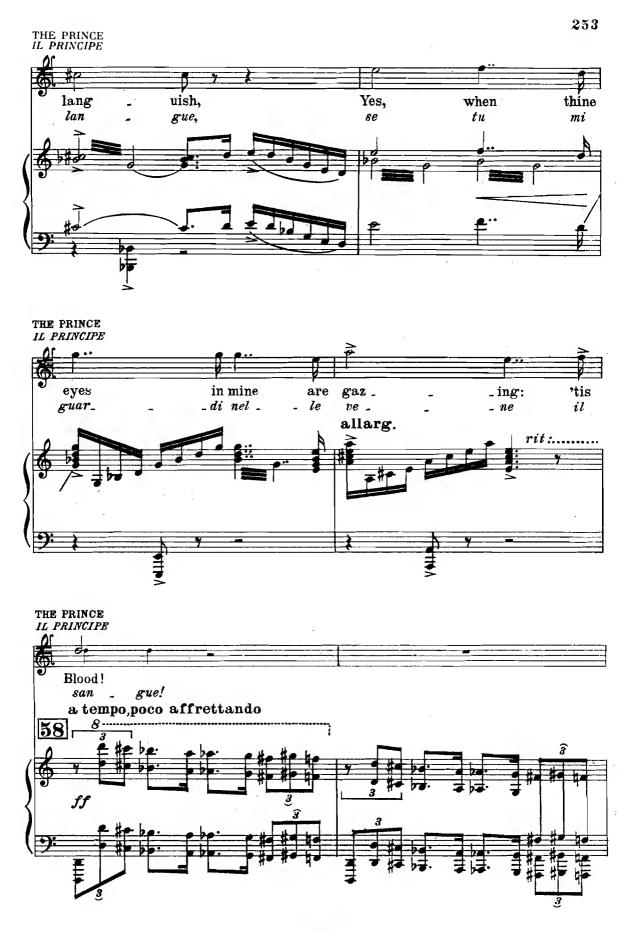






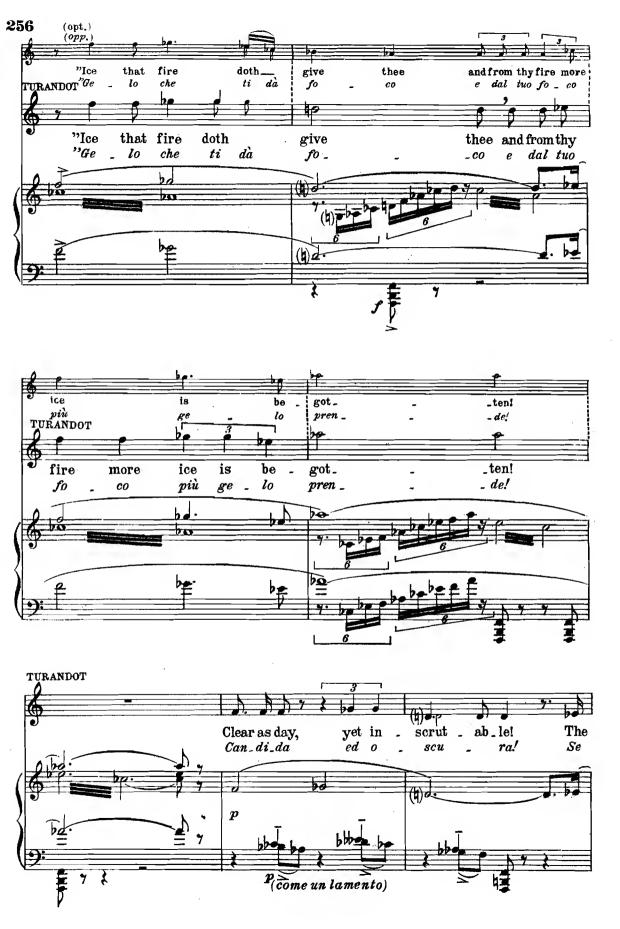






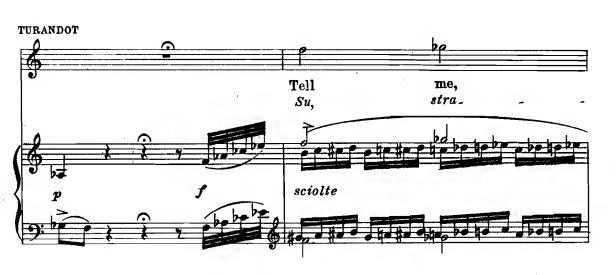




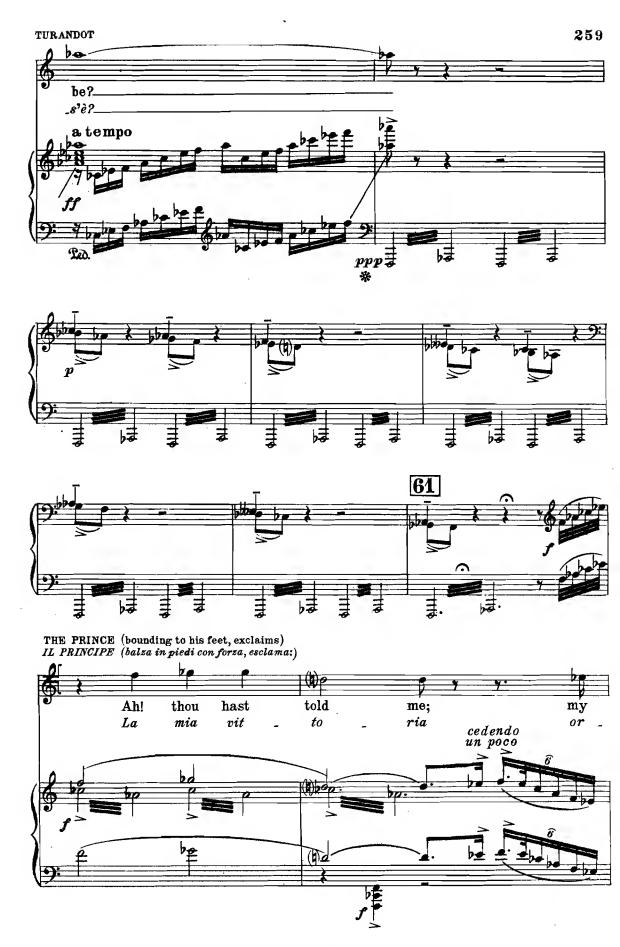






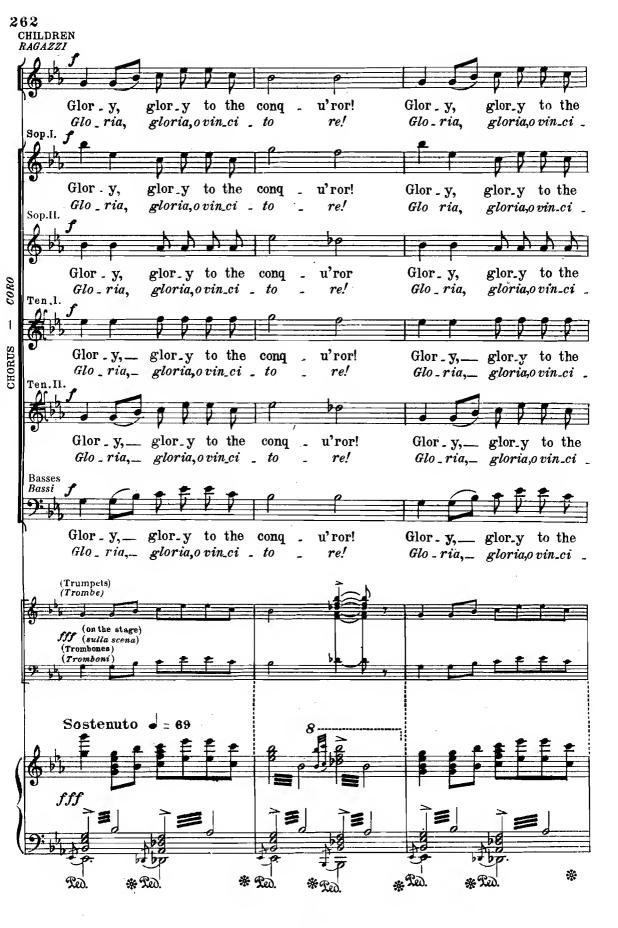


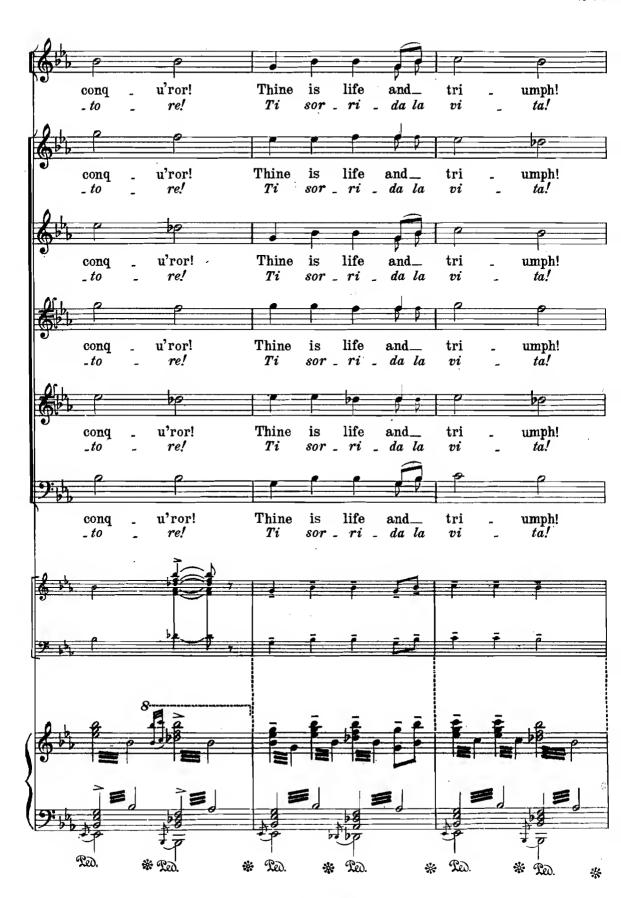




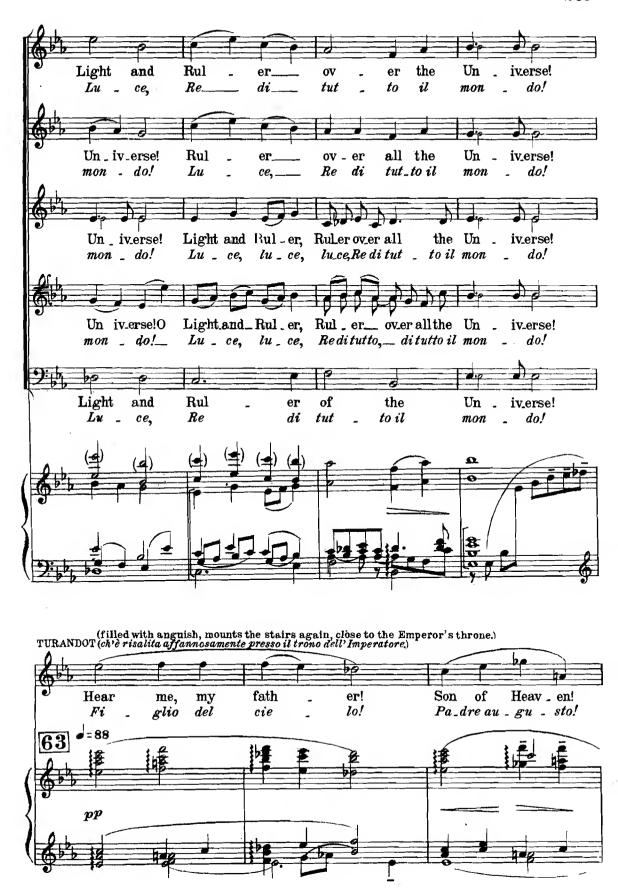


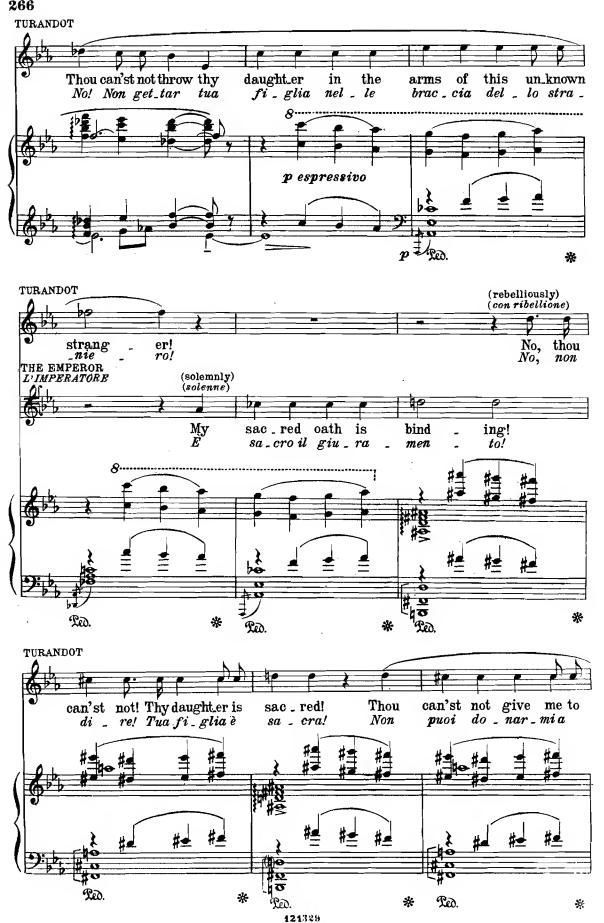


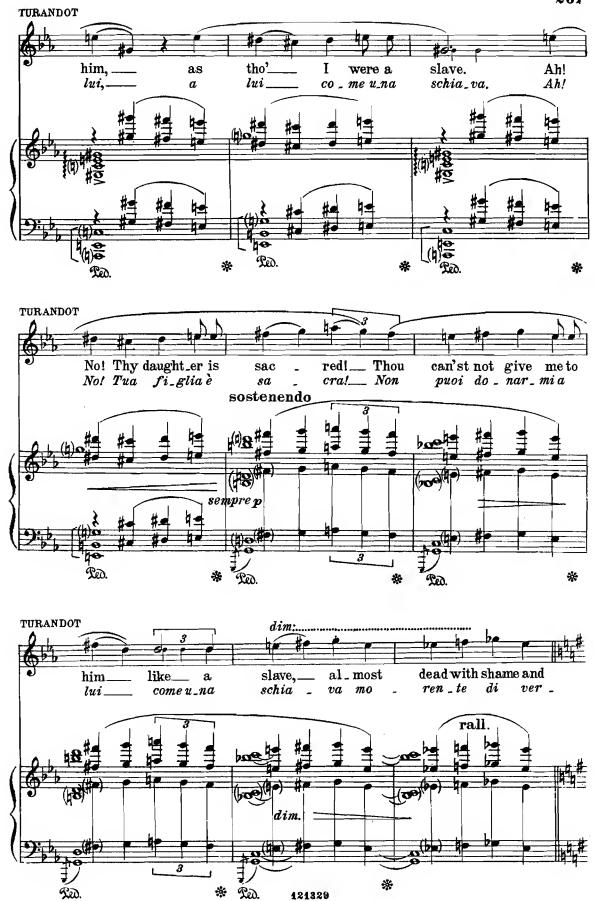




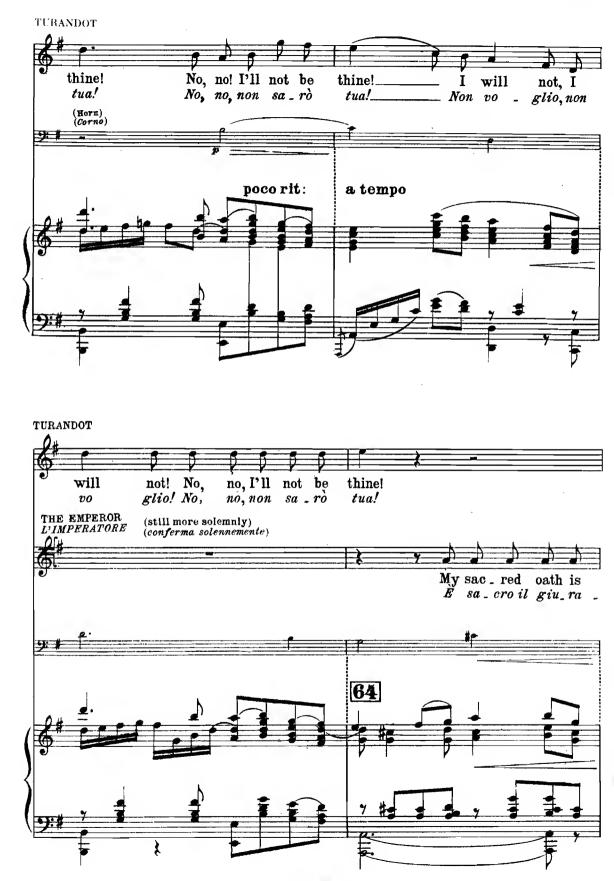








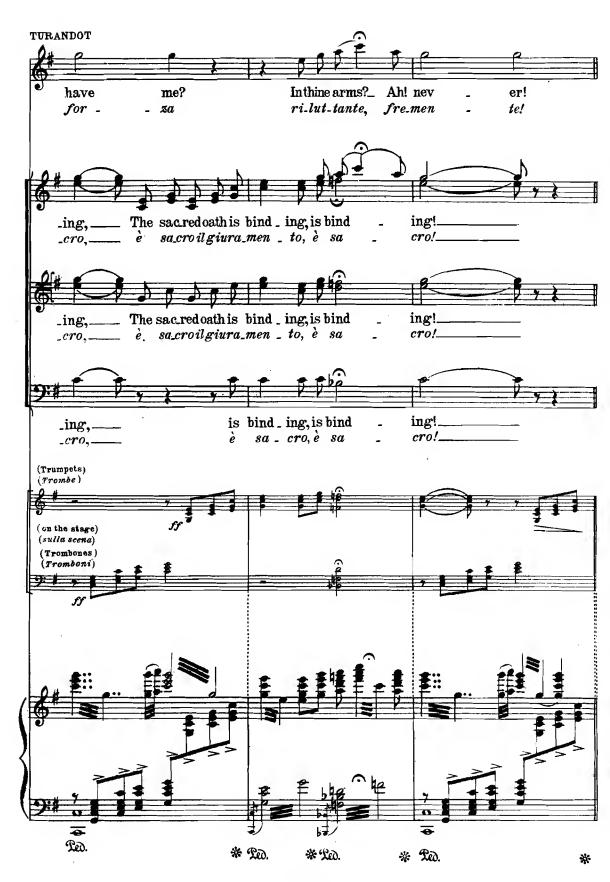












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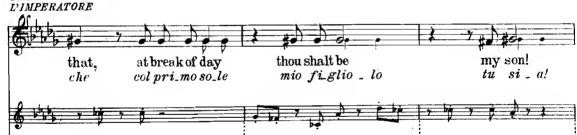
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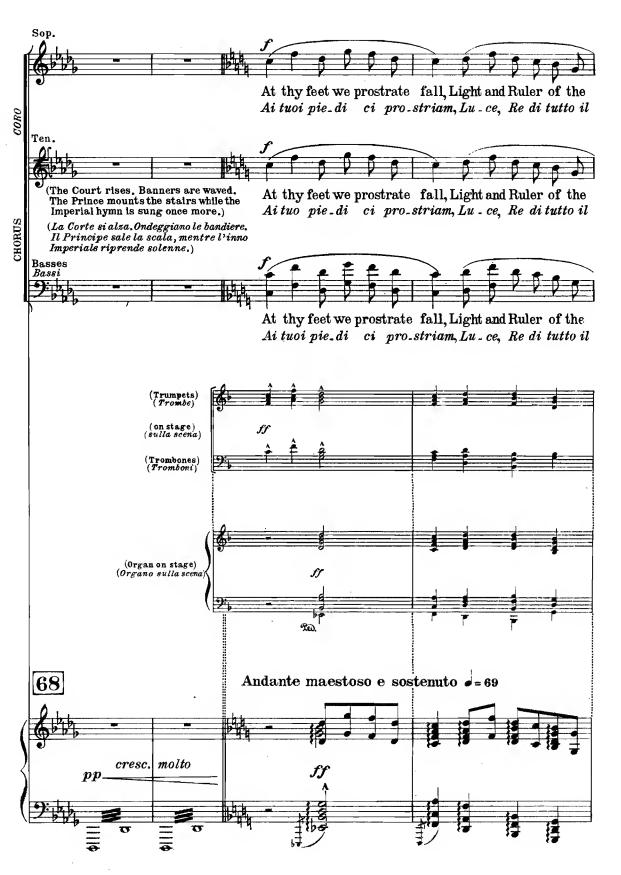


THE EMPEROR











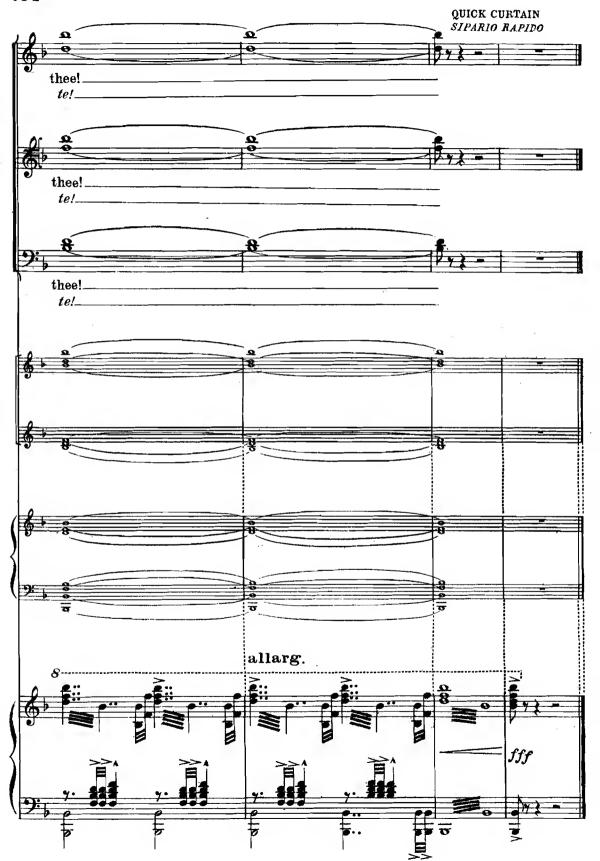












End of Act II.
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ACT III



SCENE 1

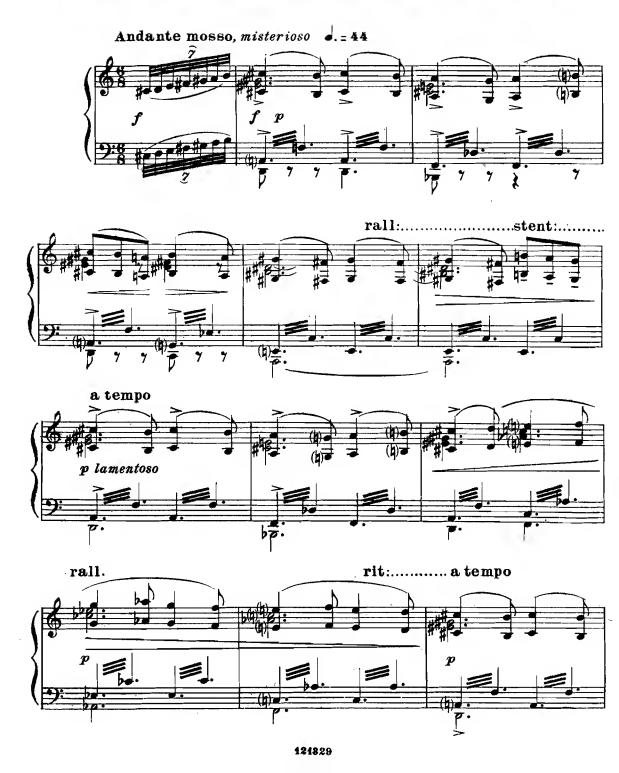
The Poloce gorden, very vost and undulating; between the bushes are branze divinities, lightly illuminated from below by the reflex of the glow from the incense-burners.

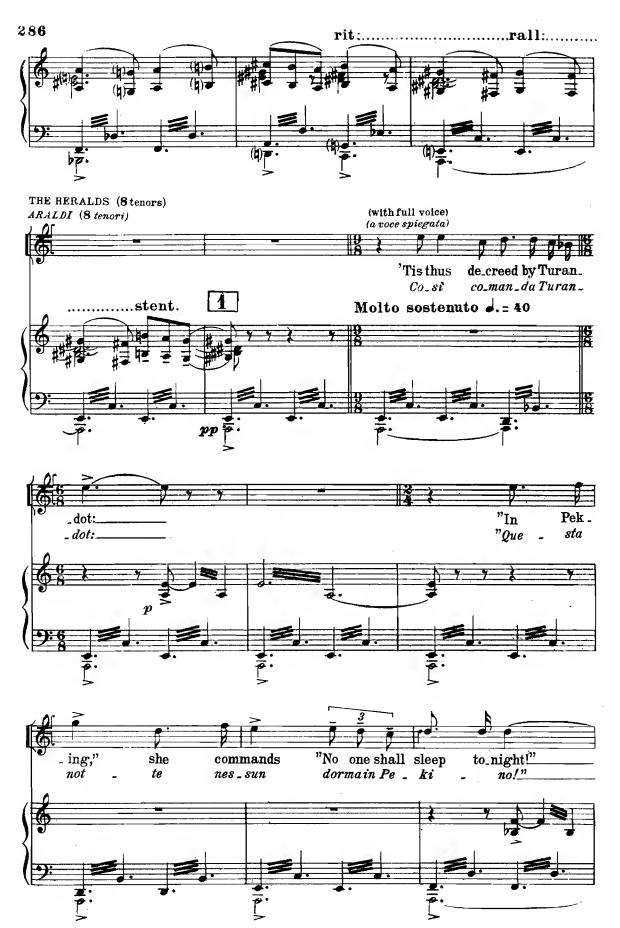
On the right - five steps lead to a Paullion, closed by a richly-embroidered curtain. This Paullion forms an antechamber to one of the wings at the Palace on the side of Turandat's chambers.

It is Hight. From very far are heard the voices of the Herolds proclaiming the Royal edict all over the city. Other voices, from near and far, re-echo the order.

Reclining on the steps of the Povilion, in the silence of the night, the Unknown Prince listens to the Heralds, as if he were living in another world.





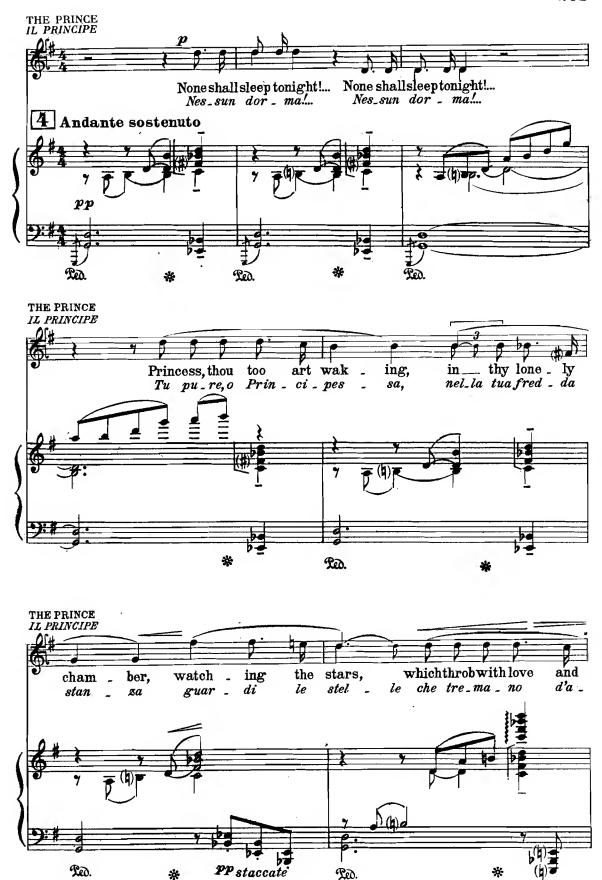


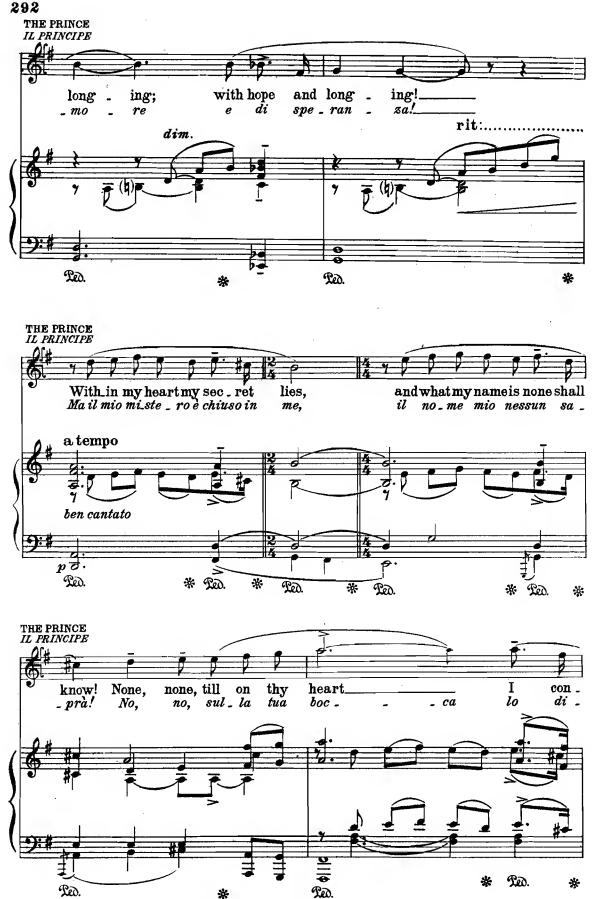


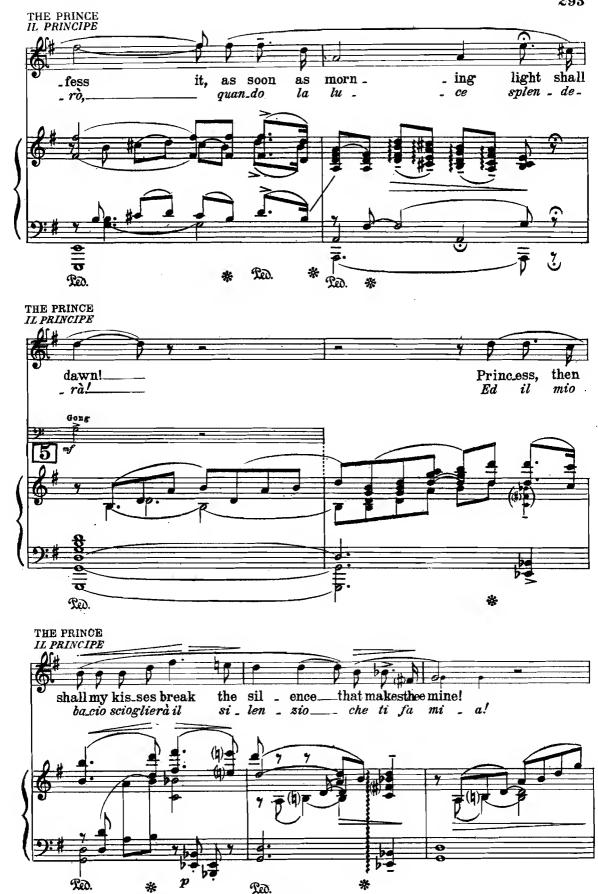


















(The three masks emerge from the bushes followed by a small crowd of figures, dim in the darkness of the night and gradually increasing in number)

(Strisciando fra i cespugli, le tre maschere sono alla testa di una piccola folla di figure confusenel buio della notte, che poi cresceranno sempre più numerose.)



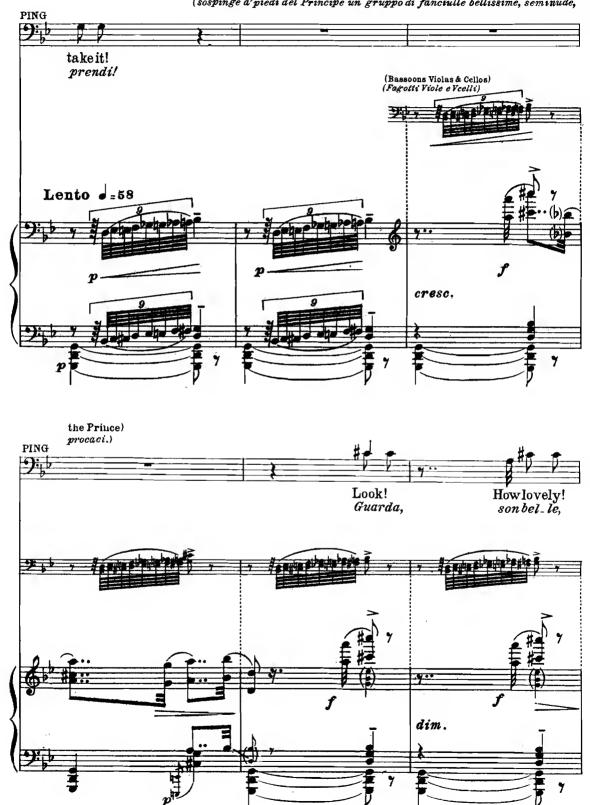


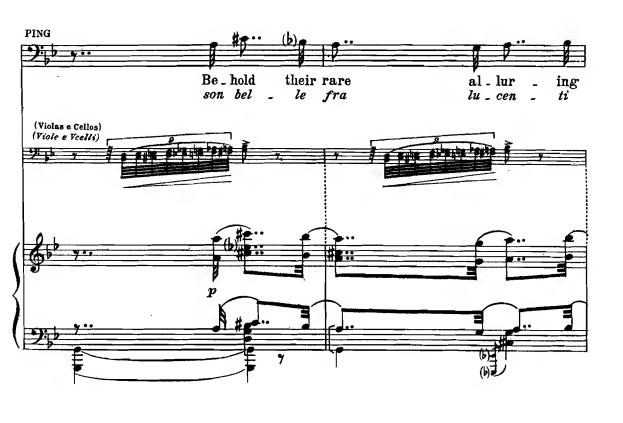


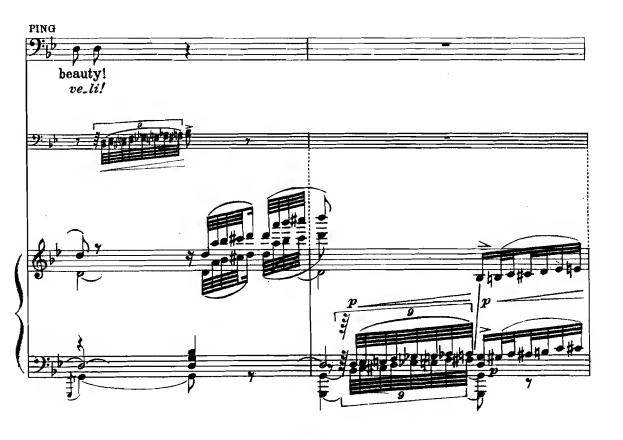




(He pushes a group of alluringly beautiful and semi-nude maidens towards (sospinge a'piedi del Principe un gruppo di fanciulle bellissime, seminude,





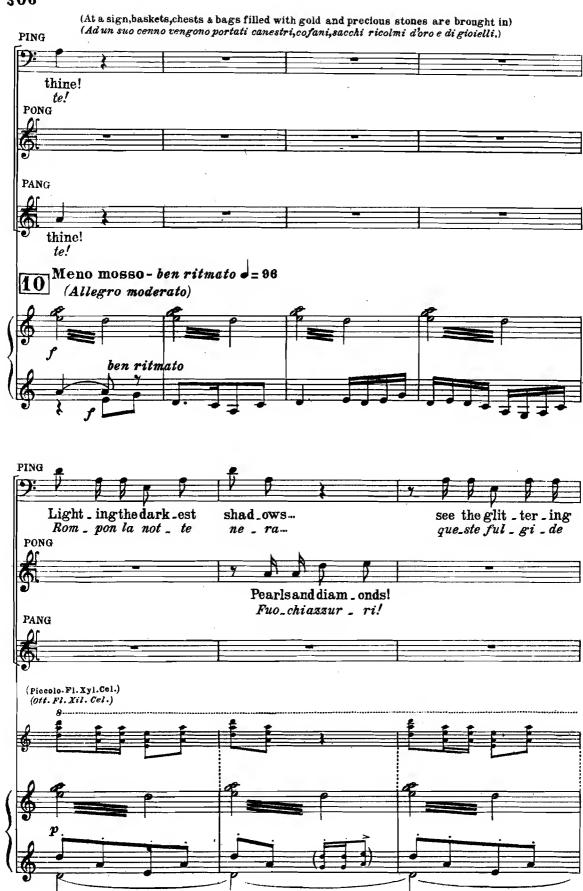








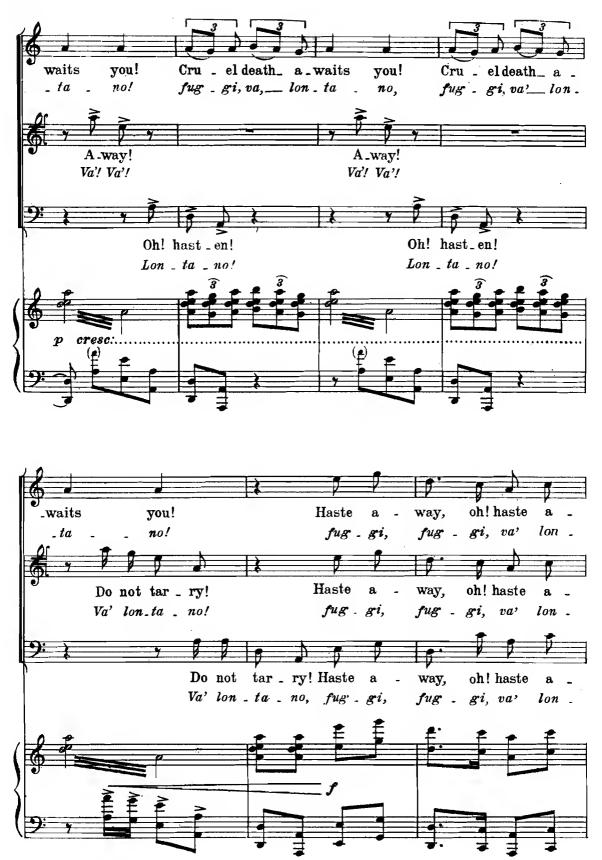














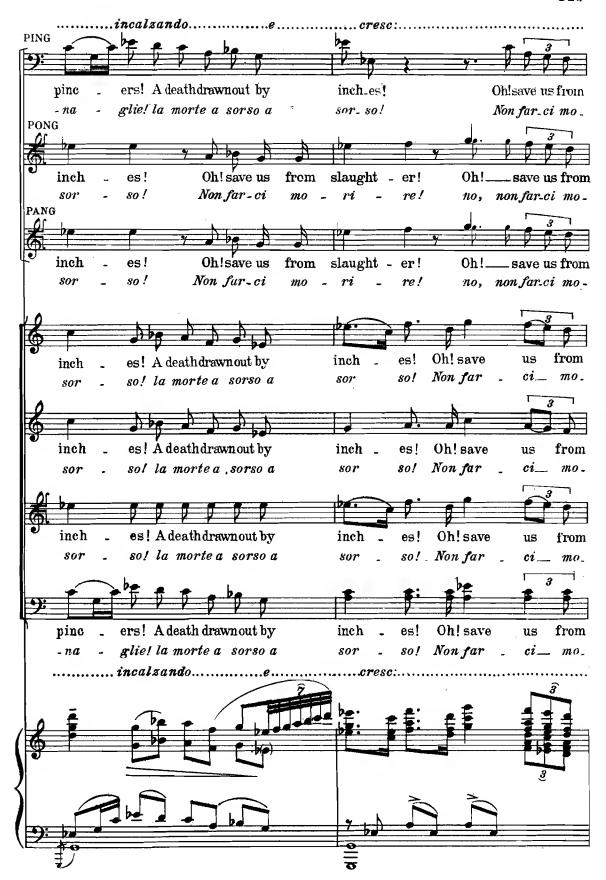


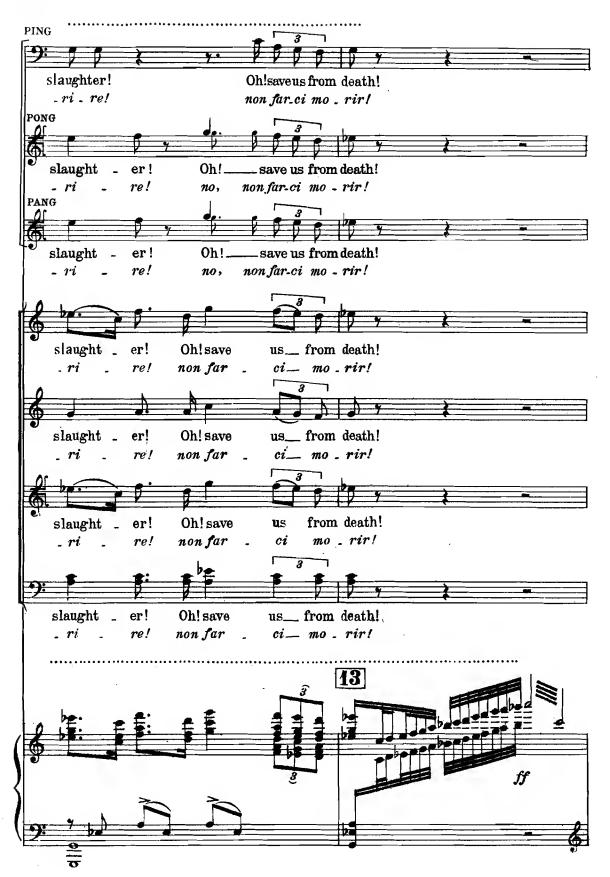














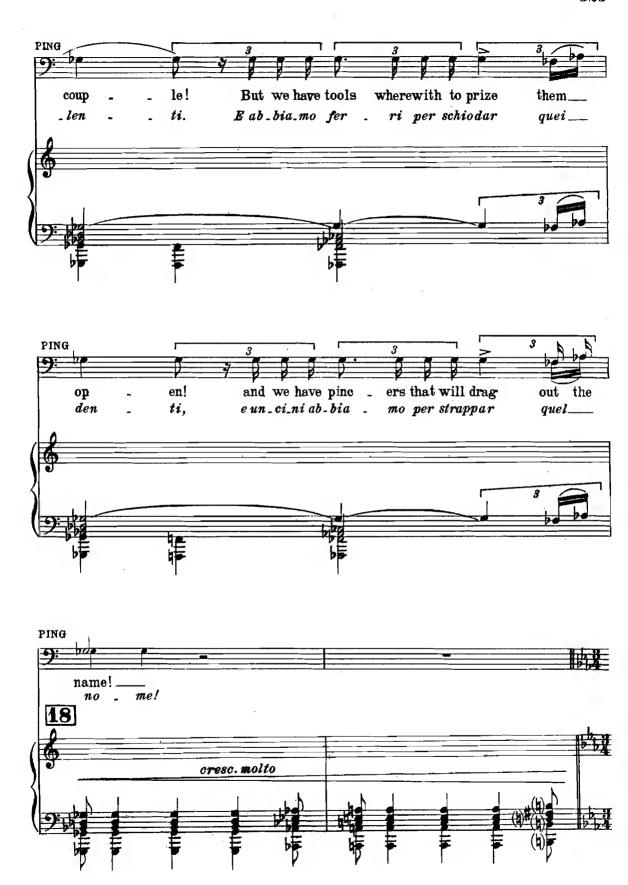




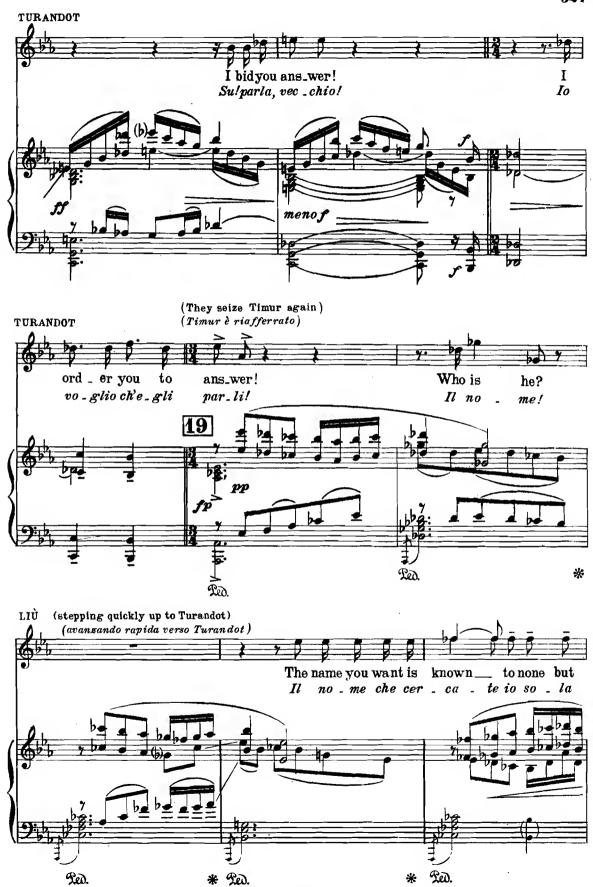






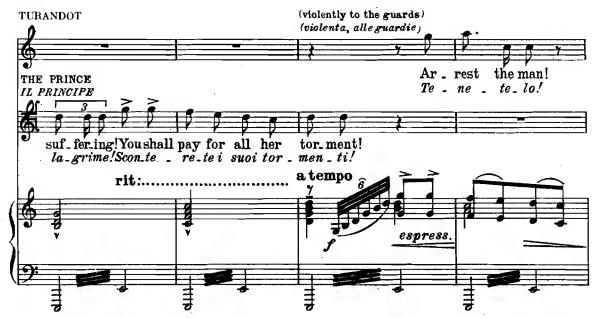












(A soldier shackles the Prince's feet and holds the rope-ends, while two other soldiers seize hold of his arms. Turandot resumes her aloof attitude.)

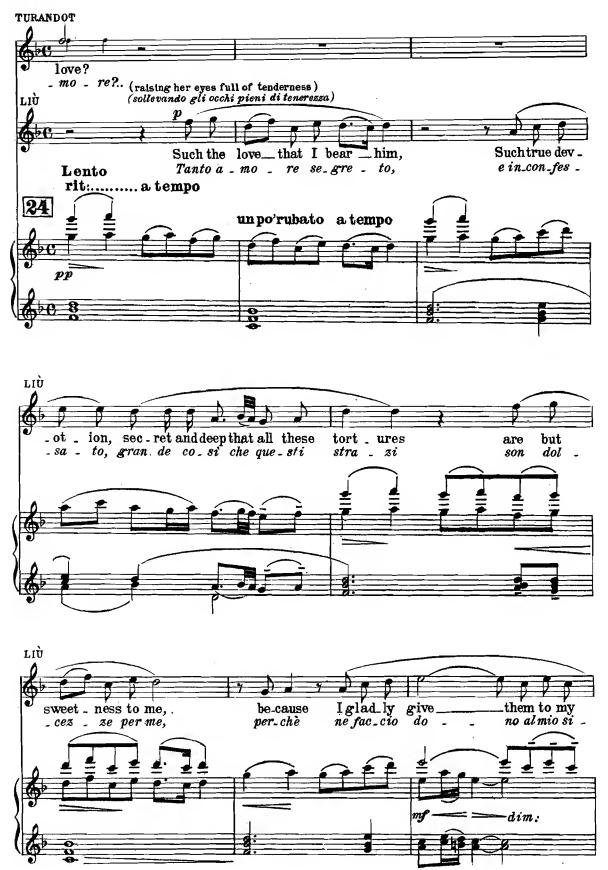
(Il Principe viene legato ai piedi con una cordicella da uno sgherro, che rimane a terra tenendo i capi della corda, e due altri sgherri lo tengono fermo per le braccia. Turandot riprende la sua attitudine ieratica.)























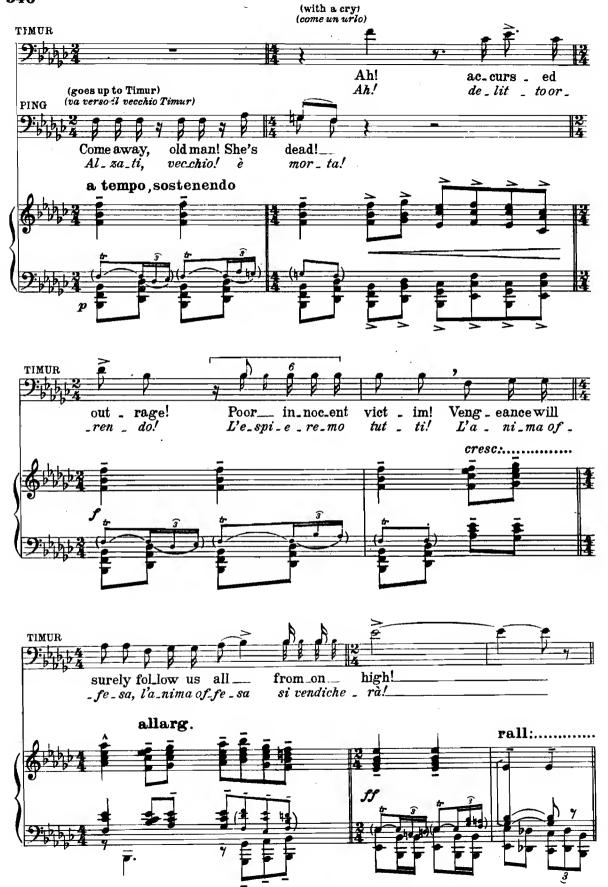






around with agonized eyes-looks at the Prince with intense tenderness, staggers towards him and perduti, guarda il Principe con dolcezsa suprema, va, barcollando, presso di lui, e gli stramazsa name! His name! me! no me! no His His name! name! me! Ilme! no no His name! His name! me! Ilme! no noTHE PRINCE IL PRINCIPE falls dead at his feet) ai piedi, morta) you have died, have died for me, 0 my_ poorlittle Ah! morta, o miapic_cola sei mor_ta, tu sei a tempo sost. sempre rall. THE PRINCE (Long terrified silence) IL PRINCIPE (Grande silenzio pieno di terrore) Liù!... rit. Liù!... P dolcissimo





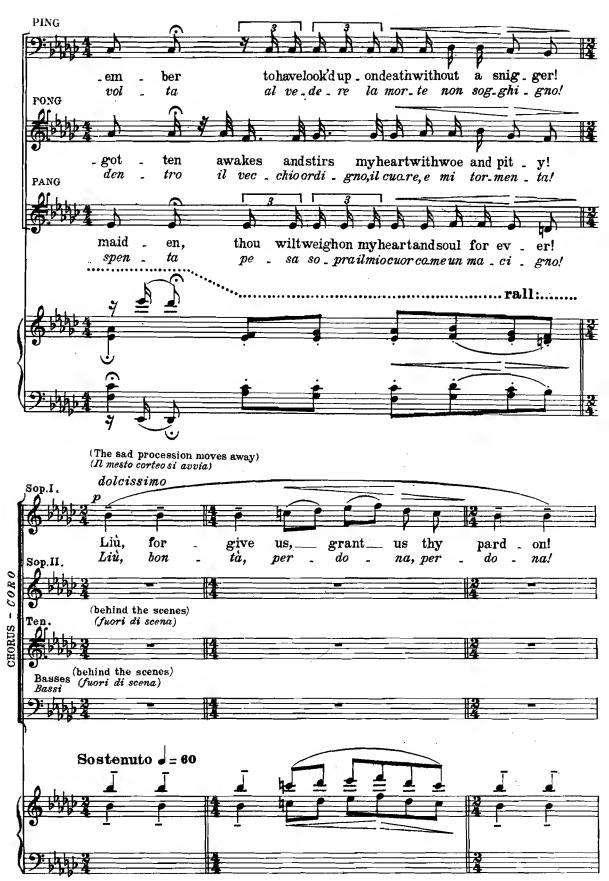
(With religious solemnity the little corpse is carried away, in the midst of the deep respect of the crowd)
(Con religious pietà il piccolo corpo viene sollevato tra il rispetto profondo della folla.)













(The Prince and Turandot remain alone, facing each other.

The Princess, rigid as a statue under her ample veil, remains motionless.)

(Rimangono soli, l'uno di fronte all'altro, il Principe e Turandot.

La Principessa, rigida, statuaria sotto l'ampio velo, non ha un gesto, non un movimento.)

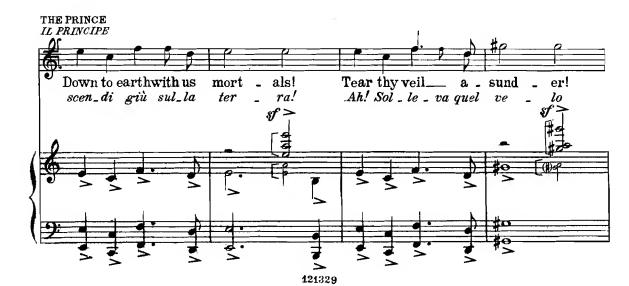
THE PRINCE (with sombre impetuosity)
IL PRINCIPE (con impeto cupo e soffocato)

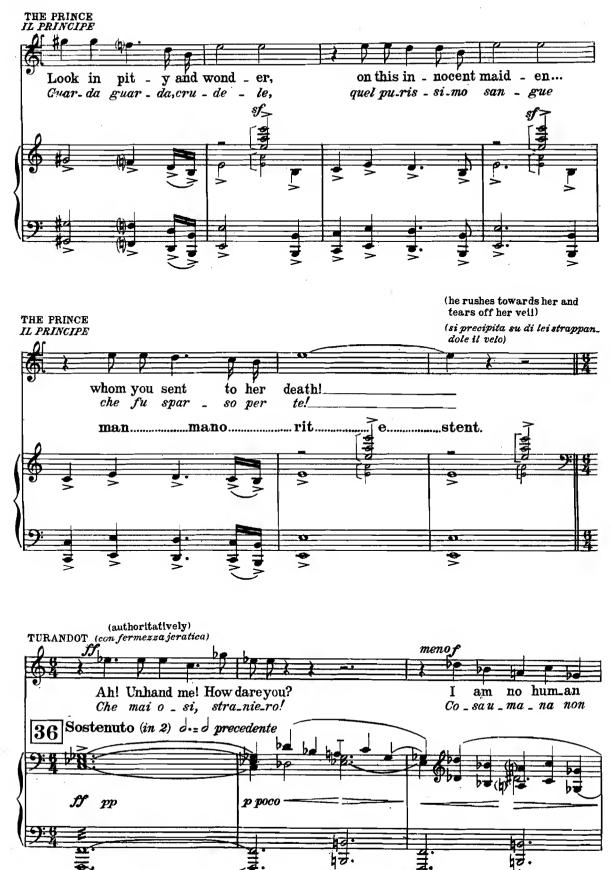
Thou with heart unrel - ent ing!...

Princi-pes - sa di mor - te!...

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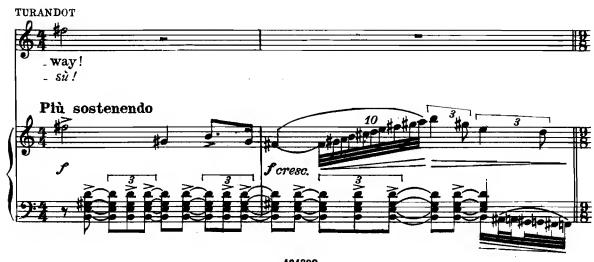


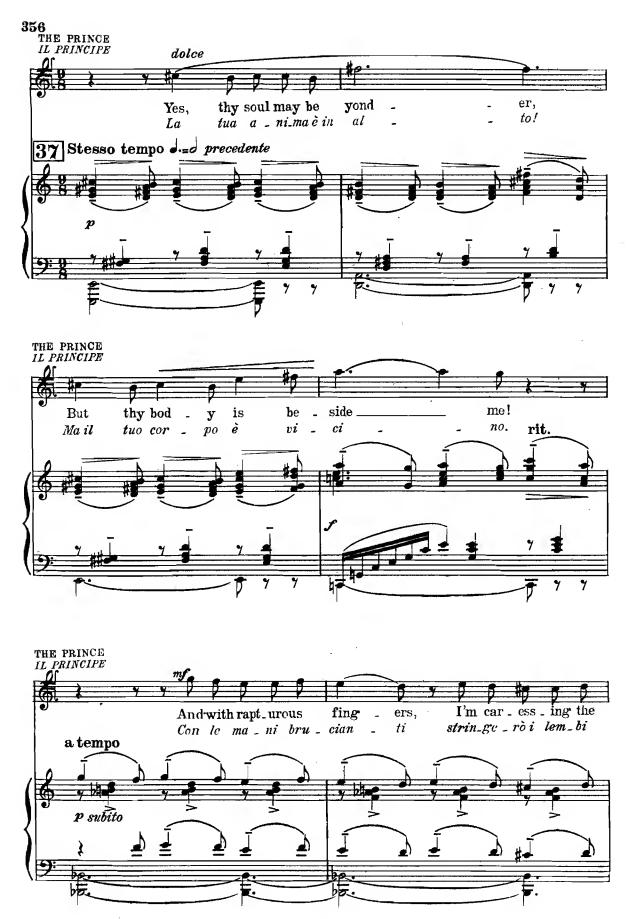
















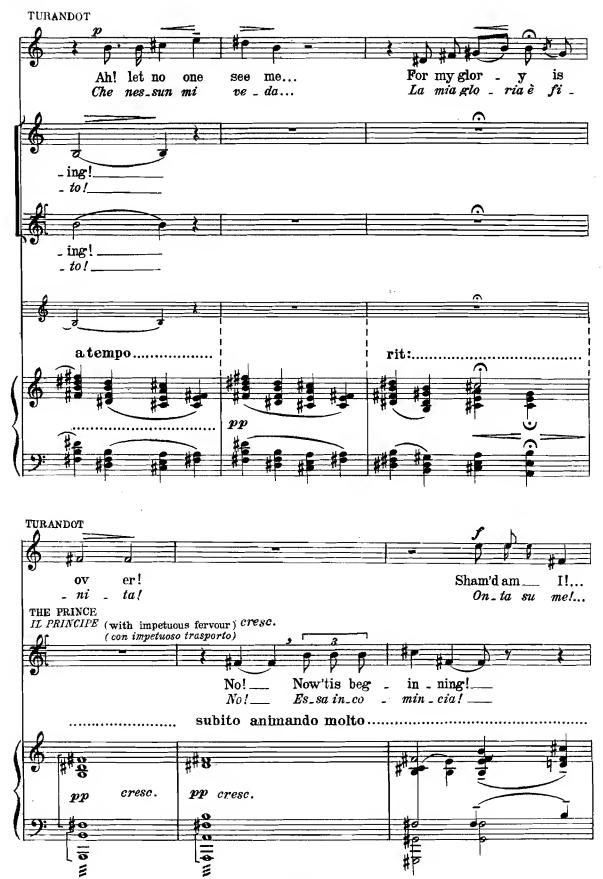


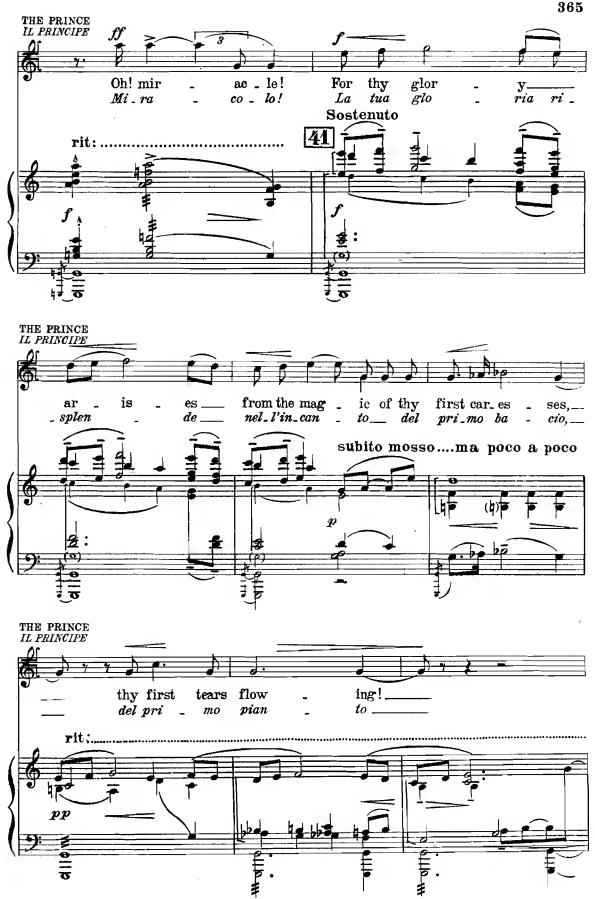


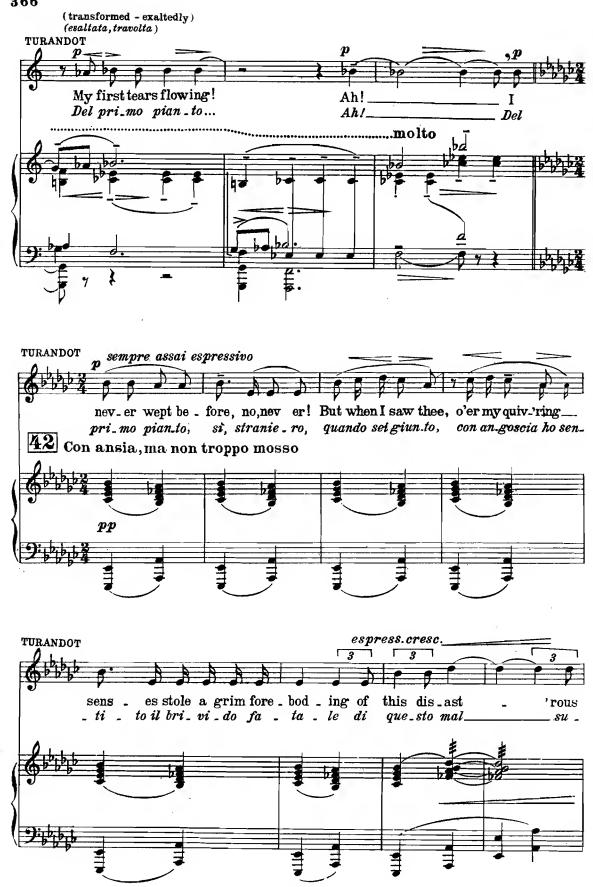












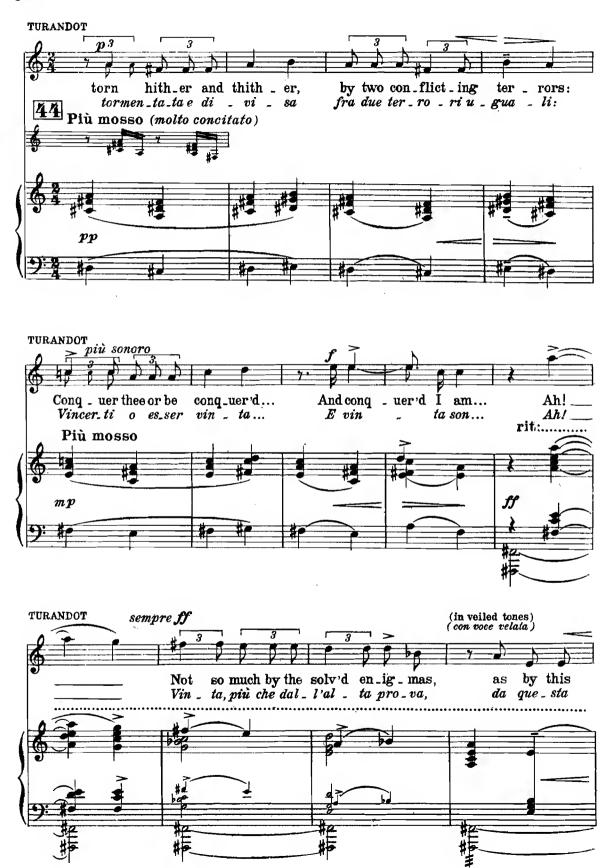










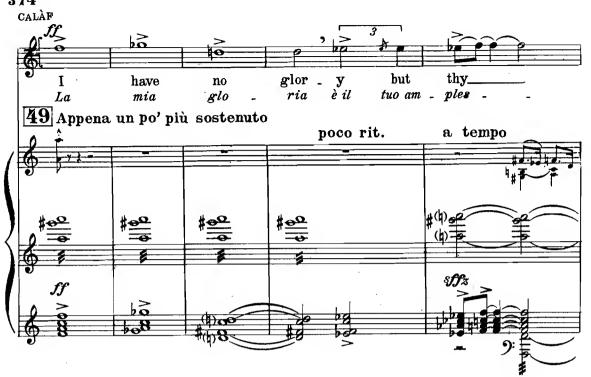


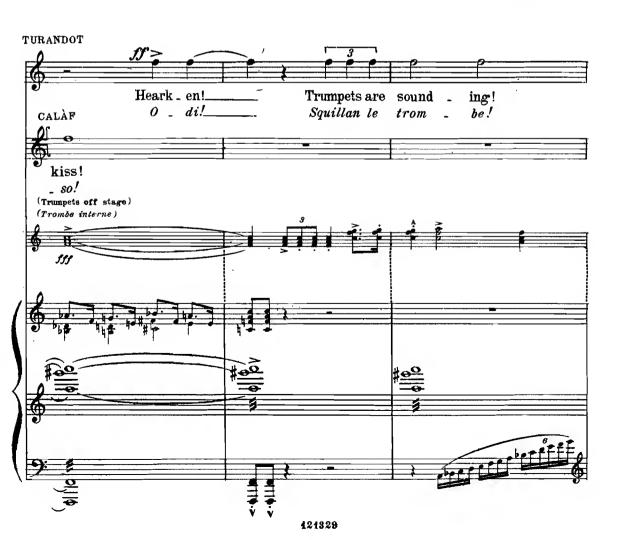










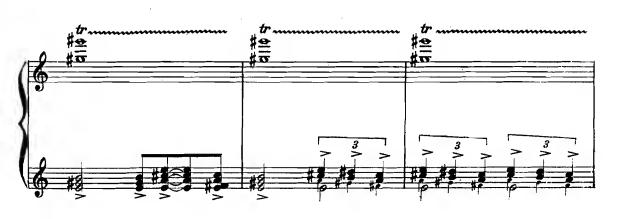


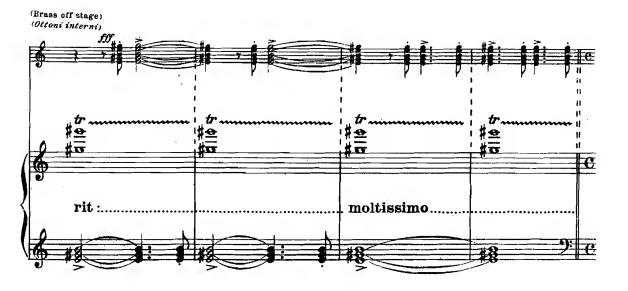














SIEHE 2

The outside of the Imperial Palace, all sculptured in white marble, tinted like flowers by the rosy reflection of the dawn.

On a high staircase in the centre of the scene, is the Emperor, surrounded by his court, his dignitaries, wise men and soldiers.

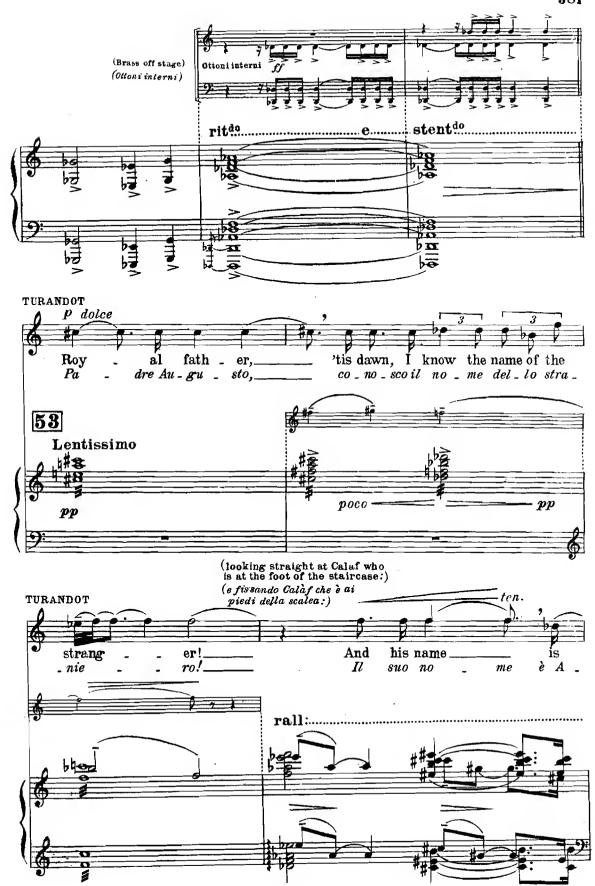
On both sides of the square the huge crowd forms a wide semi-circle.

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